

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

including the report of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the

MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1957

291st ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OF MENDON

Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667

Population 1905, 1955 Census

Registered Voters in 1957, 1073

Annual Election: First Monday in March

Annual Meeting:

First Friday Evening after the First Monday in March

County Commissioners:

Francis E. Cassidy, Chairman

Webster

Edward P. Bird

Fitchburg

Joseph A. Aspero

Worcester

Fourteenth Congressional District:

Congressman, Joseph William Martin, Jr.

North Attleboro

Fourth Senatorial District:

Joseph E. Gibney

Webster

Eighth Worcester Representative District:

Representatives General Court:

Charles Mullaly, Jr.

Millville

Charles E. Luke Driscoll

Northbridge

Sheriff for Worcester County:

William A. Bennett

Worcester

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Roy A. Barrows

Selectmen

Harold Metcalf	Term expires 1958
Robert P. Congdon	Term expires 1959
Ernest P. Wood	Term expires 1960

Board of Public Welfare

Board of Health and Fence Viewers

Harold Metcalf	Robert P. Congdon	Ernest P. Wood
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Town Clerk

Albert S. Coleman

Town Treasurer

Charles F. Leonard	Term expires 1958
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Tax Collector

Arthur P. Dalton	Term expires 1958
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Assessors

Donald B. Lowell	Term expires 1958
Carl M. Taft, Clerk	Term expires 1959
D. Kinsley Barnes	Term expires 1960

School Committee

*Chester F. FitzGerald	Term expires 1958
Harry C. York	Term expires 1959
Gordon R. Good	Term expires 1960

*Resigned 4/26/57. Philip W. Harding appointed to fill unexpired term.

Superintendent of Schools

Percy L. Rowe

Trustees of Taft Public Library

Vestella M. Daniels	Term expires 1958
Henry P. Clough, Secretary	Term expires 1960
Harold Metcalf Percy L. Rowe Harry C. York	

Water Commissioners

Donato F. Leone	Term expires 1958
M. Morton Goodnow	Term expires 1959
Clarence E. Varney	Term expires 1960

Park Commissioners

William D. Rondeau	Term expires 1958
Fred R. Phipps	Term expires 1959
George E. Johnson	Term expires 1960

Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

William E. Nuttall

Highway Surveyor

William R. Bowen

Constable

William D. Rondeau

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen

Chief of Police	William D. Rondeau
Town Counsel	Shelley D. Vincent
Dog Officer	William D. Rondeau
Wiring Inspector	Walter J. Channing
Sealer of Weights and Measures	William D. Rondeau
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	William F. Irons
Superintendent of Streets	William R. Bowen
Burial Agent	Norry J. Daige
Custodian of	
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	Richard F. Harding
Inspector of Slaughtering	Willard N. Seibert
Inspector of Animals	Roy A. Barrows
Town Accountant Helen F. Irons	Term expires 1959
Surveyor of Wood and Bark	Athur V. Pond
Veterans' Agent	Philip W. Harding

Registrars of Voters

Edward T. Powers	Term expires 1958
Asa B. Vear	Term expires 1959
Joseph W. McEwen	Term expires 1960
Albert S. Coleman, Clerk	

Finance Committee

George C. Cadman	Term expires 1958
Roy A. Barrows	Term expires 1959
Lee P. McFarland	Term expires 1960

Forest Committee

Charles F. Leonard	Term expires 1958
Harold F. Lowell	Term expires 1959
Norry J. Daige	Term expires 1960

Field Drivers

Alex Woleck	W. Arthur Robinson
Edward Goss	

Caucus Committee

Henry B. Twitchell	George P. Hutchinson
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FINANCIAL REPORTS

SELECTMEN — SALARIES

Appropriation	\$	700.00
Expended:		
Harold Metcalf	\$	283.33
Robert P. Congdon		200.00
Ernest P. Wood		216.67
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Total expended:		700.00

SELECTMEN — EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$	250 00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		2.91
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Total	\$	252.91
Expended:		
State & County Dues	\$	21 00
Forbes Press		20 00
Taft Printing Co.		98.00
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.		17.01
Cahill's News Agy.		5.15
P. O. Lock Box		4.40
Postage		6.00
Advertising		27.70
Traveling expenses		30 00
Selectmen's Meeting		23.65
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Total expended:	\$	252.91

TREASURER — EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$	275.00
Expended:			
State Ass'n. Dues	\$	2.00	
Forbes Press		9.00	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.		3.58	
Cahill's News Agy.		48.01	
Certification of Note		2.00	
Public Service Pub.		10.42	
Seaver's Express, Inc.		2.00	
Stamped Envelopes		79 46	
Schedule A.		15.00	
Use of Car		36.00	
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Total expended	\$	207.47	
Unexpended:		67 53	
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		\$	275.00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT — EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$	50.00
Expended:			
Mass. Division of Accts.	\$	29.43	
Taft Printing Co.		9.00	
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Total Expended:	\$	38.43	
Unexpended:		11.57	
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		\$	50.00

TOWN CLERK — EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$	350 00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		45.29	
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Total	\$		395.29
Expended:			
Dues & Exp. — State			
and County Meetings	\$	103.32	
Swearing in Town Officers ..		10 75	
Recording Fees		88.00	
Advertising		5.20	
Toll Calls		10.15	
Stationery and Postage		39.95	
Cahill's News Agy.		3.60	
Palley Office Supply		48.00	
Mimeograph Dist. Inc.		27.35	
Clarke Printing Co.		9.00	
Hobbs & Warren Inc.		6 05	
Moving Town property		20.00	
Miscellaneous supplies		23.92	
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Total expended:	\$		395.29

TAX COLLECTOR — EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$	275.00	
Expended:			
Cahill's News Agy.	\$	2.25	
Barre Gazette		78.41	
Brookside Print Shop		2.00	
Forbes Press		18.75	
Hobbs & Warren Inc.		20.03	
Advertising		7.20	

Use of car	25.00	
Postage	93 00	
Deputy's Bond	5 00	
State Ass'n. Dues	2.00	
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Total expended:	\$ 253.64	
Unexpended:	21.36	
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	\$	275.00

ASSESSORS — SALARIES

Appropriation		\$ 700.00
Expended:		
Donald B. Lowell	\$ 200.00	
D. Kinsley Barnes	200.00	
Carl M. Taft, Clerk	300.00	
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Total Expended:	\$	700.00

ASSESSORS — EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Expended:		
Cahill's News Agy.	\$ 14.95	
Hobbs & Warren Inc.	35.83	
Postage	5.00	
Tax Tables	1.00	
Deed Abstracts	79.20	
State & County Dues	9 00	
Use of Cars	20.00	
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Total Expended:	164 98	
Unexpended:	135.02	
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	\$	300.00

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Appropriation	\$	600.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		116.08	
Total			\$ 716.08
Expended:			
Election Pay Roll	\$	87.50	
Spec. Town Meeting		60.00	
Chilson's Radio Service		25.00	
Registrars' Salaries		140.00	
Street Listing		240 25	
Upton Mimeograph Ser.		46.50	
Clarke Printing Co.		53.25	
Advertising		63.58	
Total Expended:			\$ 716.08

CLERICAL HIRE FOR TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation	\$	350.00	
Expended:			
Helen F. Irons	\$	350.00	

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$	900.00	
Expended:			
Mass. Correctional Inst.	\$	16.96	
Wm. H. Casey Store		23.01	
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.		19.14	
E. T. Powers		90.20	

C. L. Goss	36.00	
C. C. Shattuck	14.84	
Sub. Propane Gas Corp.	35 57	
Raymond Dudley, Janitor	460.00	
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Total Expended:	\$	715.72
Unexpended:		184.28
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		\$ 900.00

RECORD ROOM MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Expended:		
Carrie Marlow, Janitor	\$	50.00
Sub. Propane Gas Corp.		257.61
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.		13.70
Telephone		15 05
Royal Type. Co.		19.20
Cahill's News Agy.		6.48
John Ingham, Labor		10.00
C. C. Shattuck		1.26
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Total Expended:	\$	373.30
Unexpended:		226.70
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		\$ 600.00

HEAT AND LIGHTS — TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Expended:		
E. T. Powers	\$	23 50
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.		209.72

H. J. Shaughnessy	476.68	
Clark-Shaughnessy Inc.	1,276.86	
Boiler Inspection	10.00	
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Total Expended	\$ 1,996.76	
Unexpended:	503.24	
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		\$ 2,500.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation \$ 3,912.00

Expended:

Salaries:

William D. Rondeau	\$ 714.98
Harold Metcalf	449.26
Philip W. Harding	351.85
Harold Barrows, Jr.	438.93
Norry J. Daige	197.66
Raymond Rogers	74.81
Paul Tyler	371.07
E. John Magliocca	13.13
Thomas Stevens	163.75
William Hazard	35.00
Mileage	864.46
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	196.35
Mendon Auto Salvage	3.00
Forbes Press	34.50
Nick Toches	2.00
Cahill's News Agy.	1.25

Total Expended	\$ 3,912.00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$ 2,070.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	1,050.00	
Refund	10.00	
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Total		\$ 3,130.00
Expended:		
Salary of Chief	\$ 100.00	
Pay Rolls	424.86	
W. H. Gibbons, Ins.	178.50	
Jesse White	5.00	
Mendon Gulf Ser.	116.69	
Walter Butler, Jr.	21.60	
Comm. of Mass., port. pump	280.00	
William Grow, tank truck	875.00	
Fire Engineering	6.00	
Inter. City Mgr. Ass'n.	7.50	
C. C. Shattuck	3.09	
Arthur Sibley	6.75	
Mendon Texaco Sta.	14.35	
O'Grady's Service Sta.	10.18	
Chas. H. Clougherty Co.	44.69	
Niro & Niro	15.00	
Carrie Marlow	50.00	
Lakeside Garage	486.12	
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.	30.00	
L. N. Jaques & Sons	12.80	
Farrar Co.	85.45	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	254.55	
N. E. Fire Chiefs' Ass'n.	3.00	
Mendon Auto Salvage	98.65	
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Total Expended:	\$ 3,129.78	
Unexpended:22	
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		\$ 3,130.00

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$	500.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		300.00	
Total			\$ 800.00
Expended:			
Wm. F. Irons, Warden	\$	25.00	
Pay Rolls		774.39	
Total Expended	\$	799 39	
Unexpended:61	
			\$ 800.00

DOG OFFICER

Appropriation			\$ 200.00
Expended:			
Wm. D. Rondeau, Salary			
and use of car	\$	35.00	
Boarding 20 dogs and			
destroying 15		139.00	
Total Expended:	\$	174 00	
Unexpended:		26.00	
			\$ 200.00

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Balance January 1, 1957	\$.93	
Appropriation March 1957		200.00	
Sale of Monitor		20.00	
			\$ 220.93

Expended:

L. A. Young Spring & Wire	\$	8.55
Mendon L. R. Y., printing		5 00
Pay Roll		54.00

Total Expended:		67.55
Balance December 31, 1957		153.38

\$ 220.93

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	\$	2,250.00
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Expended:

C. L. Goss	\$	58.32
Comm. of Mass.		10.00
M. M. Goodnow Co.		34.88
District Nurse Ass'n.		136.00
A. H. Sweet Co., Inc.		85.00
Ronald Lukert, M.D.		105.00
Ingham's Sign Shop		4.00
James Ferrucci, rent for dump		1,000.00
Highway Dept., Labor		227 20

Total Expended:	\$	1,660.40
Unexpended:		589.60

\$ 2,250.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Appropriation	\$	600.00
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Expended:

Mist Blower Ground Spray	\$	450.00
Poison Ivy Spray		150.00

Total Expended:	\$	600.00
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INSECT PEST CONTROL

Appropriation	\$	700.00
Expended:		
William Nuttall, Salary and Labor	\$	50.25
Aerial Spraying		649.75
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Total Expended:	\$	700.00

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation	\$	1,200.00
Expended:		
William Nuttall, Salary	\$	12.00
Labor:		
William Nuttall		379 15
Harold Metcalf		258.10
George Hutchinson		312.46
George Blanchard		135.00
Linwood Mathewson		10.00
Clayton Wright		9.00
Clifford Mathewson		14.50
Herbert Wood, Jr.		49.30
Forbes Press		9.00
Jesse White		1 50
Mendon Gulf Station		9.99
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Total Expended:	\$	1,200.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

General Repairs

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00
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Expended:

Labor	\$ 1,869.65
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	137.70
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	17.89
C. C. Shattuck	21.91
State & Co. Supt. Ass'n.	7.00
Norman I. Rogers	9.00
Clark-Shaughnessy, Inc.	10.18
Mendon Auto Salvage	23.75
Henry Bouchard	3.95
Medway Block Co.	30.95
Lakeside Garage	9.50
Trimount Bit. Products Co.	64 56
Wm. H. Casey Store	32.19
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	30.00
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.	30.67
C. L. Goss	40.88
Gob Shops	1.90
Franklin Paint Co.	20.60
Petrometal Industries	10.29
Files Equipment Co.	116.18

Total expended	\$ 2,488.75
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Unexpended:	11.25
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\$ 2,500.00

Mowry Street Improvement

Appropriation	\$ 500.00
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Expended:

Labor	\$ 147.20
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Town Equipment	50.00	
Hired Equipment	140.00	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	162.00	
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Total expended:	\$ 499 20	
Unexpended:80	
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		\$ 500.00

Park and Pleasant Street Repairs

Appropriation		\$ 3,000.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$ 801.20	
Town Equipment	503.80	
Hired Equipment	736.70	
Norman Rogers	209.00	
Roland Temple	36.51	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	388.80	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	89.70	
Trimount Bit. Products Co.	210.95	
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Total expended:	\$ 2,981.66	
Unexpended:	18.34	
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		\$ 3,000.00

Snow Removal

Appropriation		\$ 12,000.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$ 2,473.92	
Town Equipment	1,182.40	
Hired Equipment	2,020.50	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co. ..	1,325.65	

Inter. Salt Co.	642.00
Santucci's Trkg. Co.	2 88
Dyar Sales & Mach. Co.	130.00
Mendon Auto Salvage	12.65
Concord Woodworking Co.	56.27
Lakeside Garage	55.25
Gar Wood	166.16
Alfred Auty	26 50
E. F. Edson Co., Inc.	684.00
Sandberg Equip. Co.	2,115.82
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Total expended:	\$ 10,894.00
Unexpended:	1,106.00
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	\$ 12,000.00

Chapter 81

Appropriation	\$ 3,700.00
State Allotment	10,175.00
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Total	\$ 13,875.00
Expended:	
Labor	\$ 5,857.80
Town Equipment	1,740.00
Hired Equipment	705.65
H. A. Daniels Ins.	312.44
Roland Temple	12.25
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	1,099.74
Trimount Bit. Products	3,510.92
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	635.95
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Total expended:	\$ 13,874.75
Unexpended:25
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	\$ 13,875.00

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	
State Allotment	1,500.00	
County Allotment	1,500.00	
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Total		\$ 4,500.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$ 460.00	
Town Equipment	295.60	
Hired Equipment	553.00	
Trimount Bit. Products	2,331 87	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	834.35	
H. A. Daniels Ins.	24.56	
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Total expended:	\$ 4,499.38	
Unexpended:62	
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		\$ 4,500.00

Chapter 90 Construction — 1956

January 1, 1957, unexpended balance		
in 1956 appropriation		\$ 6,337.04
Expended in 1957:		
Labor	\$ 1,689.85	
Town Equipment	619.20	
Hired Equipment	1,252 90	
Southeastern Const. Co.	58.74	
E. L. LeBaron Foundry Co.	92 60	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	488.30	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	1,937.36	
Medway Block Co.	95.75	

Roland Temple	11.26	
H. A. Daniels Co.	90.24	
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Total expended:	\$ 6,336 20	
Unexpended:84	
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		\$ 6,337.04

Chapter 90 Construction — 1957

Town Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00	
State Allotment	6,000.00	
County Allotment	3,000.00	
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Total		\$ 12,000.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$ 2,241.05	
Town Equipment	681.60	
Hired Equipment	2,098.15	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	4,439.16	
Medway Block Co.	128.75	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	369.58	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	248.80	
H. A. Daniels Co.	119.03	
Clark-Shaughnessy, Inc.	9.98	
H. M. Curtiss Coal Co.	15.50	
Trimount Bit. Products Co.	1,647.95	
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Total expended:	\$ 11,999.55	
Unexpended:45	
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		\$ 12,000.00

Road Machinery — Maintenance and Repairs

Transfer from Road Mach. Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	76.86
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Total	\$ 2,076.86

Expended:

Lakeside Garage	\$ 247.22
Mendon Gulf Sta.	386.50
H. A. Daniels Co.	115 17
Donald B. Lowell	85.46
Karl Bright Ins. Agy.	119.25
Donald Crosby	49.35
F. Frabotta & Sons	42.51
Vin's Gulf Sta.	5.60
Mendon Texaco Sta.	440.33
Jesse White	35 85
Registry of Motor Vehicles	15.00
Files Equip. Co.	220.00
O'Grady Ser. Sta	95.32
Mendon Auto Salvage	214.30
Norman I. Rogers	5.00
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Total Expended	\$ 2,076.86
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Highway Dump Truck — 1956

January 1, 1957, unexpended balance	\$ 176.25
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Expended:

H. M. Curtiss Coal Co.	\$ 6.72
F. Frabotta & Sons	40.00
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Total expended:	\$ 46.72
Unexpended:	129.53
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\$ 176.25

Road Machinery Fund

January 1, 1957, balance	\$ 2,349.45
Paid to Town Treasurer for use of equipment:	
Park and Pleasant St. Repairs \$	508.80
Snow Removal	1,182.40
Mowry St. Improvement	50.00
Chapter 81	1,740 00
Chapter 90 Maint.	295.60
Chapter 90 Const., 1956	619.20
Chapter 90 Const., 1957	681.60
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Total Receipts	\$ 5,077.60
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Total receipts and balance	\$ 7,427.05
Transfers:	
To Highway Maint. and Repairs	3,000.00
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Balance in Road Machinery Fund Dec. 31, 1957	\$ 4,427.05

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE — SALARIES

Appropriation	\$ 45.00
Expended:	
Harold Metcalf	\$ 15.00
Ernest P. Wood	15 00
Robert P. Congdon	15.00
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Total Expended:	\$ 45.00

PUBLIC WELFARE — TEMPORARY AID

Appropriation		\$ 7,000.00
Expended:		
Cash Aid	\$ 1,287.94	
Maintenance	873.11	
Medical Care	651.91	
Hospitalization	919.89	
Town of Kingston	19.82	
Town of Blackstone	78 97	
Town of Uxbridge	135.00	
Town of Foxborough	1,065.22	
City of Worcester	334.40	
Disability Assistance	223.70	
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Total Expended:	\$ 5,539 96	
Unexpended:	1,410 04	
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		\$ 7,000.00

Cases aided 13; persons aided 40.

Proportionate share of above
expenditures:

Chargeable to State of Mass.	\$ 2,298.55
Chargeable to State and Fed. Gov't. for Disability Assistance	167.78
Town of Mendon's share	3,123.63
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	\$ 5,589.96

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	
Federal Grants	280.00	
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Total Available		\$ 1,780 00
Unexpended:		\$ 1,780.00

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE — FEDERAL GRANT

January 1, 1957 Balance	\$ 111.19	
Federal Grants received in 1957	496.60	
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Total Available		\$ 607.79
Expended:		
Direct Aid, 1 person	\$ 564.66	
Unexpended	43.13	
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		\$ 607.79
Proportionate share of above expenditures:		
Chargeable to State		
and Fed. Gov't.	\$ 423.50	
Mendon's share	141.16	
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	\$ 564.66	

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation	\$ 22,000.00	
Federal Grants	16,048.77	
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Total Available		\$ 38,048.77

Expended:

Direct Aid, 35 cases	\$ 32,994.90
Town of Blackstone, 2 cases	329 42
Town of Milford, 1 case	19.26
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Total Expended:	\$ 33,343.58
Unexpended:	4,705.19
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\$ 38,048.77

Proportionate share of above expenditures:

Chargeable to Fed. Gov't.	\$ 14,165.42
Chargeable to State of Mass.	14,429.61
Chargeable to City of Worcester	3.15
Chargeable to Town of Milford	31.40
Mendon's Share	4,714.00
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	\$ 33,343.58

ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$ 1,335 00
Federal Grants received in 1957	1,043.48
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Total Available \$ 2,378.48

Expended:

Salaries	\$ 1,935.00
Travel Expense	24.16
Postage	49.00

Supplies	18.98	
Telephone	129.10	
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Total Expended:	\$ 2,156.24	
Unexpended:	222.24	
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		\$ 2,378.48
Proportionate share of above expenditures:		
Chargeable to Fed. Gov't.	\$ 901.62	
Chargeable to State of Mass.	11.53	
Mendon's Share	1,243.09	
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		\$ 2,156.24

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		\$ 3,500.00
Expended:		
Cash Aid	\$ 902.00	
Provisions	117.00	
Fuel	102.99	
Medical Care	169.25	
Ambulance and transportation	220.00	
Town of Kingston	49.98	
Postage and Supplies	15.00	
County Ass'n. Dues	5.00	
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Total Expended:	\$ 1,581.22	
Unexpended:	1,918.78	
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		\$ 3,500.00

Cases aided, 12; persons aided, 26.

Proportionate share of above expenditures:

State of Mass.	\$	818.22
Mendon's Share		763.00
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	\$	1,581.22

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Appropriation	\$	2,200.00
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Expended:

Tuition:

Town of Framingham	\$	14.40
Milford School Dept.		30.00
Norfolk Co. Agr. School ..		500.00
City of Worcester		902.56

Transportation:

Carlstrom Bus Lines		256.75
Clayton Parkinson		72.00
Wm. Dalton, Jr.		17.60
Shirley Kreson		31 50

Total Expended:	\$	1,824.81
Unexpended:		375.19
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\$ 2,200.00

SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Balance January 1, 1957	\$	724.29
Revenue from Meals		8,141.23
State Reimbursements		3,077.32
Returned Check		4 89
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Total Available	\$	11,947.73
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Expended:

Salaries	\$ 3,147.00	
Food Supplies	8,253.16	
Equipment	86.05	
Express Charges	191.64	
Clerical	18.00	
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Total Expended:	\$ 11,695.85	
Balance Dec. 31, 1957	251.88	
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		\$ 11,947.73

PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$ 450.00
Expended:		
Labor:		
Fred Phipps	\$ 30.00	
George Johnson	132.50	
R. E. Thomas	55 00	
Clayton Parkinson	21.00	
Lakeside Flower Shop	19.00	
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Total Expended:	\$ 257.50	
Unexpended:	192.50	
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		\$ 450.00

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Appropriation	\$ 225.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	29.34	
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		\$ 254.34
Expended:		
D. C. Ryan, Band	\$ 175.00	

Flags	15.36
Stanley Gardner	29.00
C. C. Shattuck	34.98

Total Expended:	\$	254.34
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TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation	\$	808.80
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Expended:

Arrow Printing Co.	\$	700.00
Delivery of Reports		30.00

Total Expended:	\$	730.00
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Unexpended:		78.80
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	\$	808.80
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RESERVE FUND

Appropriation	\$	2,000.00
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Transfers:

To Selectmen's Expense	\$	2.91
To Town Clerk's Expense		45.29
To Town Counsel's Expense		31.55
To Elections and		
Registrations		116.08
To Fire Dept.		1,050.00
To Forest Fire Dept.		300.00
To Memorial Day		
Observance		29.34
To Road Machinery Account		76.86

Total Transferred:	\$	1,652.03
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Unexpended:		347.97
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	\$	2,000.00
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REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

December 31, 1957

RECEIPTS

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	\$ 966.00
Personal Property	7,262.50
Real Estate	90,281.67
Motor Vehicle Excise	17,286.87
Farm Animal Excise	272.08

Previous Years:

Personal Property	586.66
Real Estate	5,427.33
Motor Vehicle Excise	7,418.79

From the State:

Corporation Tax	8,170.80
Income Tax	2,633.07
O.A.A. Meal Tax	878.60
Licenses and Permits	809 50
Court Fines	85.00
Certification of Municipal Liens	4.00

Grants and Gifts:

From Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance, Aid	\$ 14,101.93
Old Age Assistance, Adm.	842.63
Aid to Dependent Children, Adm.	12.45
Disability Assistance, Aid	496 60
Disability Assistance, Adm.	35.22

From State:

School Aid, Chapter 70	15,708.46
School Superintendents	1,493.33
Vocational Education	830.82
School Transportation	11,279.98
Tuition State Wards	1,090.46
Inspector of Animals	75.00

Highways:

Chapter 81, 1956 Contract	5,214.65
Chapter 90, Maint., 1956	1,199.89
Chapter 90, Constr., 1956	5,999.58

From County:

Highways:

Chapter 90, Maint., 1956	1,199.89
Chapter 90, Maint., 1957	1,499.79
Chapter 90, Constr., 1956	2,999.79
Dog License Refund	573.97
Dog Officer's Account	168.75

Commercial Revenue

Town Hall Rent	412.25
Wire Inspections	62.00
Sealer's Fees	20 00
Sale of Town Maps	4.00
Sale of Town Annals	8.00
Rent of Fire Tower Land	50.00

Highways:

Truck and Machinery Rental ..	5,077.60
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Charities:

Temporary Aid:

From the State	2,153.82
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Aid to Dependent Children:

From the State	75.60
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Disability Assistance:

From the State	142.19
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Old Age Assistance:	
From the State	13,979.63
From Cities and Towns	155.60
From Individuals	117.94
Veterans' Benefits:	
From the State	750.72
Schools:	
Military Ser. Pension Fund	57.07
No. Smithfield, Tuition	554.58
School Lunch Revenue	11,223.44
Library Fines	18.79
Water Dept. Revenue	2,027.31
Interest:	
Thayer Cemetery Fund	5.00
Deferred Taxes	270.88
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	66.61

Agency, Trust and Investment

Town Clerk, Dog License Fees	747.85
Trust Fund Income	143.71
Federal Withholding Taxes	9,684.25
Worcester Co., Retirement Fund	1,460.11
Installation of Water Services	485.99

Refunds

Collector's Bond	37.50
Town Hall Damages	36.00
Insurance Rebate	21.94
Advertising	3.75
Civilian Defense Refund	20.00
Toll Calls	11.10

Total Receipts	\$256,791.29
Balance January 1, 1957	50,168.25
	\$306,959.54

EXPENDITURES**General Government**

Moderator's Salary	\$ 25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	700.00
Selectmen's Expense	252.91
Town Accountant's Salary	500.00
Town Accountant's Expense	38.43
Treasurer's Salary	700.00
Treasurer's Expense	207.47
Collector's Salary	925.00
Collector's Expense	253.64
Assessors' Salaries	700.00
Assessors' Expense	164.98
Town Counsel's Salary	100.00
Town Counsel's Expense	106.55
Town Clerk's Salary	250.00
Town Clerk's Expense	395.29
Elections and Registration	716.08
Clerical Hire — Town Officers	350.00
Bonds for Town Officers	305.75
Town Hall Maintenance	715.72
Record Room Maintenance	373.30
Heat and Lights — Town Bldgs.	1,996.76

Protection of Persons and Property

Constable's Salary	25.00
Police Department	3,912.00
Fire Department	3,129.78
Wire Inspector	80.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	62.84
Insect Pest Control	700.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	600.00
Tree Warden	1,200.00
Forest Fires	799.39

Dog Officer	174.00
Civilian Defense	67.55
Fire Hose	500.00

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	1,660.40
Worcester County Hospital	1,806.47
Inspector of Animals	150.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00

Highways

General Repairs	2,488.75
Highway Machinery Maintenance	2,076.86
Snow Removal	10,894.00
Chapter 81	13,874.75
Chapter 90 Maintenance	4,499.38
Chapter 90 Construction (1956)	6,336.20
Chapter 90 Construction (1957)	11,999.55
Mowry Street Improvement	499.20
Park and Pleasant Street	2,981.66
Land Damage, No. Avenue	600.00
Sidewalk Plow	1,000.00
Street Lighting	944.50
1956 Dump Truck	46.72

Charities

Public Welfare Salaries	45.00
General Relief	5,589.96
Disability Asst., Federal Grant	564.66
Old Age Assistance	33,343.58
Adm. of Public Assistance	2,156.24
Veterans' Benefits	1,581.22
Adm. of Veterans' Benefits	200.00

School and Library

School Department	77,966.66
Vocational Education	1,824.81
School Lunch Program	11,695.85
Regional School District	
Planning Comm.	109.52
Mendon School Planning Comm.	131.90
Taft Public Library	1,389.47

Unclassified

Park Department	257.50
Memorial Day Observance	254.34
Annuity Fund	500.00
Insurance Town Buildings	2,518.40
Worcester Co. Retirement Fund	1,720.55
Town Report	730.00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	50.00

Public Service Enterprise

Water Department Maintenance	1,039.27
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Interest

School House Note	22.50
Water Construction Note	281.25

Municipal Indebtedness

School House Loan	1,000.00
Water Construction Loan	1,000.00
State Parks and Reservations	551.54

Agency, Trust and Investment

County Tax	6,909.14
Dog Licenses for County	747.85
Austin Fletcher Library Fund	143.71
Federal Withholding Taxes	9,684.25
Worcester Co. Retirement Deduc.	1,460.11
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00

Refunds

1956 Real Estate Taxes	96.00
1956 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	231.49
1957 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	548.18

Total Expenditures	\$254,255.83
Balance December 31, 1957	52,703.71
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	\$306,959.54
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HELEN F. IRONS

Town Accountant

TOWN OF MENDON

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1957

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:		Excess—Sales of Lands	\$
General	\$ 52,703.71	of Low Value	\$ 69.63
Accounts Receivable:		Thayer Cemetery Fund	
Taxes:		Income	30.06
Levy of 1956:		Old Age Assistance Recoveries	45.82
Personal Property \$ 231.84		Federal Grants:	9
Real Estate 2,518.25		Disability Assistance:	
Levy of 1957:		Administration \$ 35.28	
Personal Property 140.50		Assistance 43.13	
Real Estate 7,216.83		Aid to Depend. Child:	
		Administration 13.31	
		Assistance 280.00	
	10,107.42	Old Age Assistance:	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer		Administration 173.65	
Excise:			
Levy of 1957	5,256.18		

Farm Animal Excise:					
Levy of 1957				Assistance	4,705.19
Tax Titles	\$ 52.74			School Lunch Program	\$ 5,250.56
Tax Possessions	53.87			Appropriation Balances:	251.88
				Revenue:	
Departmental:			106.61	General	2,782.95
Town Hall	\$ 141.50			Overestimates 1957:	
Veterans' Services	530.72			County Hospital	
				Assessment	237.85
Water			672.22	Sale of Real Estate Fund	700.00
Aid to Highways:			206.66	Receipts Reserved for	40
State:				Appropriations:	
Chapter 81	\$10,175.00			Road Machinery	4,427.05
Chapter 90: Mainten.	1,500.00			Reserve Fund—	
Chapter 90: Constr.	6,000.00			Overlay Surplus	5,996.46
County:				Overlays Reserved for	
Chapter 90: Constr.	3,000.000			Abatements:	
				Levy of 1956	\$ 386.81
				Levy of 1957	248.50
			\$ 20,675.00		\$ 635.31

Unprovided for or Overdrawn

Accounts:

Underestimates 1957:

State Parks and	
Reservations	\$ 25.35
County Tax	405.82
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\$ 431.17

Revenue Reserved Until

Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trail-	
er Excise	\$ 5,256.18
Farm Animal Excise ..	35.75
Tax Title and Possession	106.61
Departmental	672.22
Water	206.66
Aid to Highways	20,675.00
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\$ 26,952.42
42,814.73

Surplus Revenue

\$ 90,194.72

\$ 90,194.72

DEBIT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:
 Outside Debt Limit:
 Public Service Enterprises

\$ 12,000.00

\$ 12,000.00

Outside Debt Limit:
 Public Service Enterprise:
 Water

\$ 12,000.00

\$ 12,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:
 Cash and Securities:
 In Custody of Treasurer

\$ 58,717.38

Austin Wood Relief Fund \$ 1,304.70
 Nathan R. George Relief Fund 1,442.45
 Marcena and Harriet E. Pierce
 Daniels Fund 2,689.69
 Anna Ellis Library Fund 650.36
 Austin B. Fletcher Library Fund 5,353.05
 Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds 240.76
 Post-War Rehabilitation Fund 1,388.70
 Stabilization Fund 45,647.67

\$ 58,717.38

HELEN F. IRONS,
 Town Accountant.

LIST OF JURORS

Charles W. Arrand	Taft Avenue	Clerk
Arthur Bethel	Cape Road	Printer
Louis Bozzini	Maple Street	Salesman
Emily L. Coleman	Providence Street	Housewife
Mildred T. Goss	Maple Street	Housewife
Edna M. Grant	North Avenue	Clerk
George L. Hadley	Washington Street	Writer
Edward G. Harvey	Taft Avenue	Steamfitter
Richard P. Hoberg	Providence Street	Chauffeur
Everett J. Kempton	Hartford Ave. West	Foreman
Dorothy I. Kimball	Cape Road	Assembler
Berneta M. Lowell	Hastings Street	Secretary
Kenneth D. Morgan	North Ave. Tel. Line Assignee	
Leonard M. Rogers	North Ave. Research Engineer	
Marjorie H. Shattuck	Elm Street	Housewife
Barbara E. Taft	Main Street	Clerk
Helen B. Taylor	Emerson Street	Housewife
Salvatore Tinio	Milford Street	Molder
Ernest P. Wood	Hartford Av. West	Tool Maker
Edna F. Young	Kinsley Lane	Housewife

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1957	\$ 50,168.25	
Receipts for year 1957	256,791.29	
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		\$306,959.54
Paid per Selectmen's Warrants	\$254,255.83	
Cash balance, December 31, 1957	52,703.71	
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		\$306,959.54
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1957		\$ 52,703.71
In the Milford Nat. Bank	\$ 64,605.65	
Less uncashed checks as of		
December 31, 1957	11,901.94	
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		\$ 52,703.71

(See Town Accountant's Report for Detail
of Receipts and Expenditures.)

TRUST FUND REPORTS—DECEMBER 31, 1957

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1957	\$ 1,266 43	
Income during 1957	38.27	
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Balance December 31, 1957		\$ 1,304.70

POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Balance January 1, 1957	\$ 1,351.11
Income during 1957	37.59

Balance, December 31, 1957 \$ 1,388.70

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance January 1, 1957	\$ 39,433.95
Deposited during 1957	5,000.00
Income during 1957	1,213.00

Balance December 31, 1957 \$ 45,647.67

ANNIE ELLIS LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1957	\$ 649.29
Income during 1957	19.07

Total	\$ 668.36
Withdrawn during 1957	18.00

Balance December 31, 1957 \$ 650.36

NATHAN R. GEORGE, JR., RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1957	\$ 1,400.13
Income during 1957	42.32

Balance December 31, 1957 \$ 1,442.45

AUSTIN B. FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1957	\$ 5,336.14
Income during 1957	160.62

Total	\$ 5,496.76
Withdrawn during 1957	143.71

Balance December 31, 1957 \$5,353.05

ANNIE E. GASKILL LOT — BICKNELL CEMETERY

Balance January 1, 1957	116.87	
Income during 1957	3.51	
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Balance December 31, 1957	\$	120.38

JOSEPH S. COX, JOSEPH BATES AND JOHN S. COX
LOTS — BICKNELL CEMETERY

Balance January 1, 1957	\$	116.87
Income during 1957		3.51
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Balance December 31, 1957	\$	120.38

During the year 1957 the 20th and final note on our present Schoolhouse was paid, leaving Mendon without debt with the exception of \$12,000 in Water Notes, which should be self liquidating. The voters of Mendon, by adding \$5,000 to the Stabilization Fund each year, have built up a backlog of over \$45,000. This amount, plus our surplus revenue, puts Mendon in a substantial and enviable position financially.

CHARLES F. LEONARD
Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1957

1955 Personal Property Taxes

DR.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1957 \$ 55.30

Interest 3.42

\$ 58.72

CR.

Paid Treasurer \$ 58.72

Uncollected00

\$ 58.72

1955 Real Estate Taxes

DR.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1957 \$ 1,327.87

Interest 74.73

\$ 1,402.60

CR.

Paid Treasurer \$ 1,402.60

Uncollected00

\$ 1,402.60

1956 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

DR.

Taxes outstanding Jan. 1, 1957

and including Commitments

of Jan. 10th, Jan. 30th, Feb. 8th

and March 15, 1957 \$ 8,190.18

Interest 49.92

\$ 8,240.10

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$ 7,468.71
Abated	771.39
Uncollected00

\$ 8,240.10

1956 Personal Property Taxes

DR.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1957	\$ 763.20
Interest	17.08

\$ 780.28

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$ 548.44
Uncollected	231.84

\$ 780.28

1956 Real Estate Taxes

DR.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1957	\$ 6,656.11
Interest	127.79

\$ 6,783.90

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$ 4,227.25
Abated	38.40
Uncollected	2,518.25

\$ 6,783.90

1957 Poll Taxes

DR.

Taxes Committed	\$ 1,174 00
Interest	2.18
Charges and Fees	19.25

\$ 1,195.43

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$ 987.43
Abated	208.00
Uncollected00

\$ 1,195.43

1957 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

DR.

Total Taxes Committed	\$22,958.53
Interest	16.69

\$22,975.22

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$17,303.56
Abated	409.77
Uncollected	5,261.89

\$22,975.22

1957 Animal Excise Taxes

DR.

Taxes Committed	\$ 307.83
Interest00

\$ 307.83

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$ 272.08
Uncollected	35.75

\$ 307.83

1957 Personal Property Taxes

DR.

Taxes Committed	\$ 7,511.50
Interest18

\$ 7,511.68

CR.	
Paid Treasurer	\$ 7,262 68
Abated	108.50
Uncollected	140.50
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	\$ 7,511.68
1957 Real Estate Taxes	
DR.	
Taxes Committed	\$99,933.50
Interest	26.25
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	\$99,959.75
CR.	
Paid Treasurer	\$90,307.92
Abated	2,435.00
Uncollected	7,216.83
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	\$99,959.75
Taxes Refunded in 1957	
1956 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 231.49
1956 Real Estate Taxes	96.00
1957 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes ..	548.18
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	\$ 875.67
Received for Municipal Liens	\$ 4.00
Paid Treasurer	\$ 4.00
Refund on 1955 Bond	\$ 37.50
Paid Treasurer	\$ 37.50

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. DALTON,

Collector of Taxes.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the following report for the year ending December 31, 1957.

Assault with a Dangerous Weapon	3
Disturbances	3
Acts of Vandalism	3
Breaks	12
Complaints	102
Assault and Battery	3
Attempted Assault	2
Armed Robbery	1
Cars reported stolen	1
Assistance to Out of Town Police	11
Persons Reported Missing	1
Accidents (Prop. Damage in Excess of \$200)	33
Accidents (Prop. Damage under \$200)	13
Fatal Accidents	1
Total Accidents Reported	50
Personal Injuries Reported in 25 out of 50 Accidents	
Residents of Town Involved in (in town) Accidents ...	15
Other Property Damage Incidents Reported	5
Bicycles Registered	17
Hit and Run Accidents	3
Licenses Recommended Suspended	25
Registrations Recommended Suspended	1
Tags Issued for Defective Equipment	36

Parking Tags Issued	13
Pistol Permits Issued	26
Permits Issued to Purchase	3
Arrests	8
Summons Served for Out of Town Police	15
Persons Summoned for Traffic Violations, etc.	58
Convictions	50
Search Warrants Obtained	1
Warrants Issued and Served	1
Drownings Reported	1

Amount assessed in Fines for Violations, etc. \$500.00

With the increase of crime continuously coming before us, the need for greater Police protection is undeniable. With this thought in mind I have asked for an increase in our budget which seems quite large, but with the amount of work which has to be done and the amount of Protection to which you, as Citizens, are entitled to receive, the overall figure is very small.

The Finance Committee would not go along with my recommendation for a "suitable vehicle" which is greatly needed by the Police Department. On several occasions we have had to call on "neighboring towns" to assist us at an accident or some other emergency when someone's life was at stake.

Means of "Communication" play an important part in a Police Department, or any department, that is pledged to serve a community. Sighting a recent case which occurred in our town, namely the "Armed Robbery" at one of our local business establishments, the capture of those responsible could possibly have been greatly expedited, if we had a "Radio" to work with.

I would at this time like to extend words of "Praise" to Police Officers Philip W. Harding, Paul R. Tyler and Harold C. Barrows, Jr., in the manner in which they conducted their investigation, along with the State Police, which led to the quick apprehension of those responsible for the "Armed Robbery" at Sabatinelli's Package Store.

It is with great regret that we had to insert in our records the death of Alan D. Smyth as the result of an Auto and Cycle crash. With the number of automobiles and licensed operators continuously on the increase on our highways, the job of policing becomes greater all the time.

At this time I would like to thank each and every one for their splendid cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. RONDEAU,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you a report for the year 1957:

Scales under 100 lbs. at 50¢	4
Scales over 100 lbs. at \$1.00	1
Gasoline Pumps at \$1.00	12
Grease Pumps at \$1.00	5

Fees and adjusting charges as authorized by Section 56, General Laws, Chapter 98 as amended by Chapter 34, Acts of 1949.

If any adjustments are made on scales or pumps where the seals have been broken to do so, the Sealer of Weights and Measures should be notified said equipment is restored to use.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM D. RONDEAU,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the following report for the year 1957.

Dogs reported missing	10
Dogs killed by Autos	11
Persons Bitten by Dogs	7
Dogs Hit by Autos reported	9
Dogs Boarded	20
Dogs Destroyed	14
Complaints Recorded and Investigated	23

According to Sec. 137 of the General Laws, the owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness of leather or other suitable material, to which shall be securely attached a tag. Any dog without a tag or some means of identification may be declared a stray dog, and be taken immediately to the dog "Pound." If the owner is later learned, he can be assessed the charges for picking up his dog.

All dogs three months old or over must be licensed as of March 31. These licenses can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Ninety-three dogs were reported unlicensed as of June 1 which had to be collected. Your cooperation in the future would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM D. RONDEAU,
Dog Officer.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Assessors' Recapitulation Sheet and Table of Aggregates is given below:

RECAPITULATION 1957

Town Appropriations:

Voted since 1956 Tax Rate was fixed	\$220,997.34
Other	500.00

State:

Tax and Assessments	694.43
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County:

Tax and Assessments	9,090.96
Overlay for 1957	3,000.00

Gross Amount to be raised		\$234,282.73
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Estimated Receipts	\$ 80,406.74
Available Funds	45,256.99

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		\$125,663.73
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Net amount to be raised by taxation

on Polls and Property		\$108,619.00
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587 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$ 1,174.00
Personal Property Taxes	7,511.50
Real Estate Taxes	99,933.50

		\$108,619.00
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AGGREGATES 1957

Assessments on Real Estate	768
Assessments on Personal Estate	45
Polls Assessed	587
Value of Assessed Personal Estate:	
Stock in Trade	\$ 13,850.00
Machinery	101,300.00
Livestock	11,230.00
Other Tangible Personal Property	23,850.00
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Total value of Assessed Personal Estate	\$150,230.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate:	
Land exclusive of buildings	\$334,165.00
Buildings exclusive of land	1,664,505.00
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Total value of Assessed Real Estate	\$1,998,670.00
Total value of Assessed Estate	2,148,900.00
Tax on Personal Estate	\$ 7,511.50
Tax on Real Estate	99,933.50
Tax on Polls	1,174.00
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Total taxes levied	\$108,619.00
Rate of Tax per \$1,000.00	\$50.00
Number of Livestock Assessed:	
Horses	14
Cows	73
Other Neat Cattle	22
Swine	27
Sheep	18
Fowl	940
All other	10

Number of Dwelling Houses assessed	659
Number of Acres of Land assessed	10,761

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Committed to Collector:

Vehicles registered in 1956	\$ 5,762.48
Vehicles registered in 1957	22,958.53

Total Commitments	\$ 28,721.01
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Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes Abated:

1956 Taxes	\$ 1,002.88
1957 Taxes	963.66

Total Abatements	\$ 1,966.54
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Farm Animal Excise

Total value of Farm Animals

assessed	\$ 61,561.00
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Rate of tax per \$1,000.00	\$5.00
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Total Commitment	\$ 307.83
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Overlay Account 1957

1957 Overlay	\$3,000.00
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1957 Abatements on Polls and

Property	2,751.50
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Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. LOWELL
D. KINSLEY BARNES
CARL M. TAFT, Clerk
Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Fire Department answered 18 alarms during 1957 with an estimated loss of \$3,200, as follows:

- 4 Building fires
- 7 Chimney fires
- 3 Truck and auto fires
- 4 Electrical short circuits
- 18 Wells pumped out
- 4 Cellars pumped out.

The Forest Fire Department answered 47 alarms during the year. Fires burned over 17 acres of wood and brush land and 11 acres of grass land. Due to prompt notification from our Fire Tower observer and ready response of our Fire Fighters, these fires were confined to two acres or less.

Over 300 burning permits were given out and only six went out of control.

The Firemen again sponsored a parade, entertainment and refreshments the night before the Fourth of July.

The Fire Station was decorated at Christmas and the Firemen, together with members of the Grange, decorated and lighted the tree on Founders' Park.

A new American Marsh portable pump was purchased with matching funds from Civilian Defense.

The Fire Department was very fortunate to be able to purchase a tank truck with a capacity of 2,250 gallons and we know it will repay its small cost to the town, many times.

May I express my thanks to the townspeople and the Fire Fighters for their splendid cooperation this past year, which has been a hazardous one for fires.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. IRONS,

Fire Chief and Forest Warden.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of work done on Town roads during 1957:

CHAPTER 81

There were 19,107 gallons of asphalt applied to various roads under this Chapter. On Blackstone Street 2,900 feet were widened and hard-topped; also 35 feet of drainage was installed. Brush was cut on all roads including Chapter 90 highways.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

On the old State highway (Bates Street), a distance of 2,400 feet was rebuilt and now the road is in very good condition. 13,107 gallons of asphalt were used on various roads under this Chapter and some drainage was installed.

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

With money carried over from the 1956 appropriation added to this year's appropriation, we finished the roadway and drainage from the High School to a point

near the residence of Miss Florence Bennett. The road was widened all the way in order to have ample space for parking near the church. The new road bed will be 24 feet wide the rest of the way toward the Upton line.

MOWRY STREET

Under the Town appropriation 500 feet of road was widened and a hard top applied.

PARK AND PLEASANT STREETS

There were 1,400 feet of road widened and hard-topped on Park Street. Considerable fill was used on this project. About 200 yards of our own fill came from excavations on Providence Street and North Avenue. It is now much easier for the school bus to pass cars on this road.

I wish to thank the townspeople as well as the State and County Engineers for their cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM R. BOWEN,
Highway Surveyor.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

I herewith submit my annual report on the care, removal and disposal of trees in Town.

Spraying for Insect Pest Control and Elm Beetle was done by aeroplane and Mist Blower from the ground. I also sprayed for poison ivy in places where it was most prevalent, particularly at the school.

During the year I removed and disposed of approximately 40 diseased elm trees. The average thickness of these trees was three feet. Trees were trimmed in various parts of the town.

Due to the recommendations of the Department of Natural Resources, the Finance Committee has recommended taking \$200 from the Insect Pest Control appropriation and adding it to the Tree Warden's account. This money will be used to remove and dispose of more trees.

I wish to thank the townspeople and Highway Surveyor for their assistance and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM NUTTALL,
Tree Warden.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Following is the Financial Report and Recapitulation
of the East Mendon Water System for the year 1957:

Appropriation for Maintenance	\$ 751.00	
Reimbursements from Water Takers for installation costs	466.19	
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Total available		\$1,217.19
Expended:		
Nelson Meter Service	\$ 144.00	
The Clarke Printing Co.	11.00	
Walnut Farm, Inc.	357.42	
Varney Bros., Inc.	75 03	
Town of Bellingham	403.72	
Postage	9.10	
Meter Readings	21.00	
Clerical	18.00	
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Total expended:	\$1,039.27	
Unexpended:	177.92	
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		\$1,217.19

RECAPITULATION

Net expenditures for Maintenance	\$ 573.08	
For Water Loan Note	1,000.00	
For Interest on Note	281.25	
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Total cost for 1957		\$1,854.33
Water Commitments for 1957		\$2,147.74

The Board of Water Commissioners re-negotiated the contract with the Town of Bellingham to provide water for the East Mendon System for another ten-year period.

At the same time additional increase was made in the cost of water to the Town of Mendon. Therefore it was necessary to advance the rates to the consumers in July, 1957.

CLARENCE E. VARNEY, Chairman
DONATO F. LEONE
M. MORTON GOODNOW
Water Commissioners

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Herewith is my statement of accounts for the year 1957:

Number of Inspections	29	
Value of Inspection Slips		\$65.00
Cash and Checks Received	\$62.00	
Outstand (incomplete)	3.00	
		\$65.00

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER J. CHANNING,
Wiring Inspector.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1957

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1957

180 Males at \$2.00	\$360.00
30 Females at \$5.00	150.00
80 Spayed Females at \$2.00	160.00
7 Kennel Licenses at \$10.00	70.00
1 Kennel License at \$25.00	25.00
1 Kennel License at \$50.00	50.00
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Total amount received for licenses	\$815.00
Fees deducted	65.40
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Cash paid to Town Treasurer as per	
Monthly Statements	\$749.60

All dogs three months old or more must be licensed at the Town Clerk's office on or before April 1, 1958. The Dog License Refund is added to the General School Fund of our Town.

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1957

108 Resident Fishing
93 Resident Hunting
73 Resident Sporting
14 Resident Minor Fishing
34 Resident Female Fishing

- 1 Special Non-Resident Fishing
- 3 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing
- 1 Alien Fishing
- 5 Non-Resident Hunting
- 2 Non-Resident Sporting
- 7 Duplicate Licenses
- 10 Resident Citizen Sporting (Free)

Total Amount Received for all licenses	\$1,269 25
Less amount retained for fees	83.25
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Amount sent to the Department of	
Natural Resources	\$1,186.00

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1957

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Parents
4	Douglas Earl Coburn	Dona'd E. and Ethel (Rogers) Coburn
8	Valerie Ann Fagan	Robert K. and Shirley A. (Christensen) Fagan
20	Alan David Wood	Herbert S. and Beatrice C. (Tetreault) Wood
27	Deanna Lynn Haynes	Margaret (Hicks) Haynes
12	Christine Karen George	George C. and Lillian (Zicko) George
16	Bradley B. Jackson	Everett H. and Monica E. (Aggett) Jackson
2	Ronald Francis Diomedes	Louis S. and Ruth M. (Palanzi) Diomedes
5	Marilyn Gaskill	John F. and Dorothy (Murray) Gaskill
13	Sharon Lee Charles	Everett W. and Martha F. (Carlson) Charles
15	James Joseph Cahill	James J. and Kathleen (Boucher) Cahill
22	Glenn David Carr	Albert and Joyce (Cram) Carr
3	Andrea Dorothy Hogarth	John, Jr. and Gloria (Mantoni) Hogarth
7	Ronald Patrick Ferrucci	James S. and Phyllis M. (Matto) Ferrucci
8	Linda Marie Parker	Earl R. and Joan M. (Todd) Parker
14	John Robert Hoberg	Richard P. and Joyce M. (Thatcher) Hoberg
22	Americo Michael Candela	Americo M. and Evelyn L. (Dufresne) Candela
28	Thomas Raymond Grant	Harry R. and Janet (Lapworth) Grant
10	Catherine Marie Whalen	William J. and Dorothy E. (June) Whalen
12	Stillborn	
12	Shirley Ann Magliocca	Ettore J. and Viola (Brenna) Magliocca
20	Edward Hugh Blair	Wilbur and Anna M. (Carlson) Blair
22	Linda Ann Phipps	Russell and J. Muriel (Metca'f) Phipps
5	Susan Mae Gaskill	Richard M. and Dora (Streeter) Gaskill
12	Virginia Ann Carlson	Sigfrid B. and Phyllis L. (Berry) Carlson
18	Alan David Tetreault	A'dore E. and Pauline A. (Lec'aire) Tetreault
21	Jay Michael Lamothe	Maurice and Janet (Clement) Lamothe
2	Mary Elizabeth Geneseo	Louis J. and Barbara Ann (Racine) Geneseo
10	Robert Allen Grant	Paul and Maybelle M. (Ross) Grant
18	Deborah Jean Davenport	Dwight J. and Marion (Gorman) Davenport
30	Malinda Mae Gaskill	William H. and Maria H. (Fernandez) Gaskill
17	Janet Helen Bennett	Ralph G., Sr. and Virginia H. (Lougee) Bennett
20	Everett Roy Adams	Carl and Anne (Watson) Adams
22	Alice Mary Cornell	George B. and Alice T. (Brady) Cornell
4	Edward Stephen Marcello	Frank M. and Patricia (Wa'sh) Marcello
11	Margaret Lynn Irish	Harold and Charlene (Caswell) Irish
16	Debra Ann Wiersma	Harry and Ethel (Roorda) Wiersma
22	Alan Leslie Auty	William L. and Mary J. (Whitney) Auty
1	Susan Marie Bennett	Robert H. and Marjorie (Bowen) Bennett
6	Joseph Arthur Bilodeau, Jr.	Joseph A. and Grace (Curley) Bilodeau
10	William Charles Giatas	E. Theodore and Louise E. (Perron) Giatas
10	Roy Alan Wright	Roy L. and Eleanore (Thallinger) Wright
11	Debra Louise Barnes	Daniel N. and Shirley M. (Steere) Barnes
14	Karen Sue Gaskell	David A. and Evelyn (Aldrich) Gaskell
1	Sharon Marie Desmarais	Norman L. and Lorraine A. (Leblanc) Desmarais

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1957

Date of Marriage 1957	Where Married	Names	Residence
Feb. 2	Uxbridge	Howard A. Godin	Spencer
		Jean B. Rosenquist	Mendon
Mar. 18	Dedham	James J. Cahill	Mendon
		Kathleen (Boucher) Basilici	Dedham
May 4	Mendon	Joseph L. Ruggiero	Milford
		Gloria M. Rossetti	Mendon
11	Mendon	Arthur D. Hutchinson	Mendon
		Shirley A. Hazard	Mendon
June 1	Mendon	Raymond A. Sherman	Douglas
		Mary C. Wilde	Mendon
27	Keene, N. H.	Louis H. Morton	Mendon
		Elizabeth J. Perkins	Mendon
July 13	Uxbridge	Fredrick H. Fiedler	Uxbridge
		Janet M. Parkinson	Mendon
13	Mendon	Joseph Feccia, Jr.	Milford
		Anna F. Leone	Mendon
27	Mendon	Leonard A. Crowe	West Boylston
		Marjorie P. Deignan	Worcester
Aug. 10	Auburn	Robert G. Chaleki	Mendon
		Ernestine T. Davis	Auburn
16	Woonsocket, R. I.	Anthony C. Rocks, Jr.	Mendon
		Geraldine Myers	Woonsocket, R. I.
31	Mendon	Palmer D. Swanson	Mendon
		Lorraine C. Deiana	Mendon
Sept. 1	Framingham	Richard T. Eaton	Mendon
		Beverly (Munyon) Higgins	Framingham
18	Milford	Peter A. Fantasia	Mendon
		Mae E. (Moseley) Boover	Mendon
Oct. 12	Mendon	Robert W. Sheperdson, Jr.	Cumberland, Md.
		Sally Ann Ashkins	Mendon
26	Uxbridge	Russell T. Gaskell	Mendon
		Anne M. Oleksyk	Uxbridge
Nov. 2	Hopedale	William M. Kimball, Jr.	Mendon
		Ruth M. Hoberg	Hopedale
16	Bellingham	Leonard E. Mellen	Mendon
		Elizabeth A. Chute	Hopedale
30	Mendon	Walter W. Dolan	Millbury
		Ethel H. Young	Sutton
Dec. 17	Upton	James E. Bowers	Evansville, Ind.
		Barbara M. Sampson	Mendon
28	Mendon	Kenneth Benoit	Milford
		Mary F. Lamothe	Mendon

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1957

Date of Death 1957	Name	Y	Age M	D	Cause of Death
Jan.	1 Mabel (Mossia) Stover	76	8	3	Coronary Thrombosis
	6 James Owen Farnon	74	—	—	Coronary Thrombosis
	11 Maria A. Newell	79	—	20	Congestive heart failure
	15 Cora M. (Parry) Blanchard	58	8	16	Coronary occlusion
Feb.	23 Annie U. (Rossi) Bennett	53	6	19	Cerebral hemorrhage
	4 Esther M. (Gates) Hodgkins	55	6	8	Broncho pneumonia
	12 William R. Hensel	57	—	—	Anemia
	25 James O. Brady	70	1	—	Acute Myocardial failure
Mar.	26 Bridget (Whalen) Reilly	77	1	11	Cerebral hemorrhage
	8 Eleanor Amelia Radloff	84	8	11	Carcinoma of Stomach
	9 John Vander Sluis	69	4	14	Cerebral apoplexy
	21 Ina Mabel Irons	59	7	26	Asphyxia by drowning
June	1 Anna J. (Peterson) Anderson	86	6	2	Cerebral hemorrhage
	12 Stillborn				
July	11 Florence H. (Taft) Aldrich	88	5	16	Senility
Aug.	23 Roswell L. Look	80	10	18	Rheumatic Heart Disease
	27 Alyce L. (Lincourt) Alexander	60	5	13	Carcinomatosis of Peritoneal Cavity
Sept.	24 Lena (Rawson) Loftstedt	80	8	5	Coronary arteriosclerosis
Oct.	7 Ernest L. Kempton	82	4	7	Myocarditis
	9 Florence H. Towne	87	4	29	Cerebral hemorrhage
Nov.	10 William H. Wigglesworth	77	6	8	Carcinomatosis
Dec.	25 Nellie (Kelly) Murphy	69	3	6	Coronary Thrombosis
	31 John J. Driscoll	72	—	11	Presumably Coronary occlusion

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete.

General Laws, Chapter 46, Section 6.

Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born***

NOTICE

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Reasons Why Births Should Be Recorded

- To establish identity.
- To prove nationality.
- To prove legitimacy.
- To show when the child has the right to enter school.
- To show when the child has the right to seek employment under the child labor law.
- To establish the right of inheritance to property.
- To establish liability to military duty, as well as exemption therefrom.
- To establish age and citizenship in order to vote.

To qualify to hold title to, and to buy or sell real estate.

To establish the right to hold public office.

To prove the age at which the marriage contract may be entered into.

To prove age to determine validity of a contract entered into by an alleged minor.

To prove age for Old Age Assistance.

To prove age so as to have the right to take Civil Service Examinations.

Parents be sure to record the birth of your child with given name in full.

Your co-operation to the end that all births may be properly recorded will be greatly appreciated.

Parents will please return the supplemental birth report sent them by the Clerk, even though they have received one from the Clerk of the town in which the child was born. The corrections are not forwarded to the Mendon Town Clerk.

Blanks for the return of all Vital records can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT S. COLEMAN,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Taft Public Library submit the Report of the Librarian, the Financial Report, and Trustees' Report for the year ending December 31, 1957.

The report of the Librarian shows a very significant increase in circulation of books and magazines for the year 1957. The Trustees are pleased to note the increase and believe that the additional afternoon per week of library service which has been given throughout 1957 has been very much worth while.

The installation of combination windows on the main floor of the library was made during the late summer.

The Trustees recommend the purchase of a new set of encyclopedia to replace the encyclopedia now in use.

The Board of Trustees very much appreciate the keen interest and efficient service of our Librarian, Mrs. Vestella Daniels. A standing invitation is extended to the townspeople of Mendon to make full use of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD METCALF, Chairman
VESTELLA DANIELS
HARRY C. YORK
PERCY L. ROWE
HENRY P. CLOUGH

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT — 1957

To the Trustees of Taft Public Library:

The circulation for the year (99 days) was 6967; an increase of more than 1000 over last year. The largest number given out in one day was 165; the smallest, 23; and the average, 70. Circulation by classes was as follows:— fiction, 3002; juvenile, 2442; magazines, 656; biography, 219; history and travel, 297; literature and fine arts, 107; science and useful arts, 134; all others, 110. The greatest increase was in fiction, travel and history.

New books added to the library by the town, 92; by Fletcher Fund, 66; and by gift, 34, making a total of 192. This includes a new Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, a needed addition to our reference department. Gifts of books were received from Charles and Hazel Leonard, Earl Rogers, from the library of the late Inez A. Daniels, from Sheila Perkins, Sheila Wagner and from Mr. Alfred Sutcliffe, for which we wish to express our thanks and appreciation. The FBI Story by Don Whitehead was given by the Rosentiel Foundation and the History of the 26th Yankee Division was a gift from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Magazines available to readers are American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Gardens, Boys' Life, Flower Grower, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, McCall's Magazine, National Geographic, Popular Mechanics, Readers' Digest, Red Book, Saturday Evening Post and Time. Fines collected and turned over to the town treasurer, \$18.79.

An inventory of all the books in the library was begun by the librarian and her efficient high school assistant, Miss Marjorie Vear. Three Girl Scouts have been

trained as Library Aides and have given free time this year:— Elizabeth Bagg, Norma Rogers and Sheila Wagner. A Summer Reading Club was conducted, continuing the subject, States of the U. S. A. The librarian attended two Area Meetings, one at Westboro in April and one at Uxbridge in September.

During National Book Week, the teachers of Mendon School were invited to a reception and special preview of fifty new books. A social hour was enjoyed with a chance to browse through the library. The teachers cooperate with the library by taking deposits of books to their classrooms for supplementary reading.

Many patrons have expressed their appreciation of the opening of the library on Monday afternoons; and it has proved helpful to students coming to the library for reference work. We have acquired forty-three new readers this year, and interest has steadily increased.

May we thank the trustees and town officials for their interest and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
VESTELLA M. DANIELS,
Librarian.

FINANCIAL REPORT

TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$1,400.00
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Expended:

Barney Coal Company	\$ 184 59
Worcester County Electric Co.	38.02
Campbell and Hall Book Co.	188.56
Nathaniel Dame Book Co.	19.50
Goldberger Agency, Inc.	51.90
C. L. Goss	231.00
Mendon Post Office	2.70
Lester Hill	9.50
Edward T. Powers	5.00
Bro. Dart Industries	8.00
Gaylord Brothers	16.20
American Library Association	6.00
Vestella Daniels, expenses and supplies	8.50
Vestella Daniels, Librarian	520.00
Raymond Dudley, Janitor	100.00

Total Expended	\$1,389.47
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Unexpended	10.53
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\$1,400.00

ANNUAL REPORT

Of The

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

And

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Of The

TOWN OF MENDON

MASSACHUSETTS

For The

Year Ending December 31, 1957

SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1956-1957

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Harry C. York, Chairman	Term Expires 1959
Gordon R. Good, Secretary	Term Expires 1960
Philip W. Harding	Term Expires 1958

Regular meetings are held at the High School Building on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 P. M.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS — PERCY L. ROWE, Boston University, B.S.E., Ed.M

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The Superintendent may be met every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mendon High School or by appointment.

Office—Center School, Bellingham Center

Telephone, Milford 3725

Office Hours—4:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. on School days.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Ronald Lukert, M.D.

Telephone, Milford 3045

SCHOOL NURSE

Grace Moran, R.N.

Milford District Nursing Association

SCHOOL CUSTODIAN

William Hazard Mendon, Mass.

TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Harold C. Barrows Mendon, Mass.

Harold Barrows, Jr. Mendon, Mass.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

William D. Rondeau Mendon, Mass.

TEACHERS

Name	Subject or Grade	Preparation	Degree or Years	Years in Town
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Henry P. Clough, Principal	Mathematics	Dartmouth College and French, Social Science	B.S. Ed.M	Thirtieth
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Raymond F. Biedrzycki	Mathematics, Science	Rhode Island State	B.S.	Twelfth
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Gladys Morrison	Commercial Ed.	Gray's Business College	First	First
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Anne K. Davenport	Home Economics	University of Social Science	B.S.	Second
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Arlene C. Rovedo	English, Latin	Worcester State Teachers College	B.S.	Second
Catherine Whelen	Grade 6	Boston University	A.B.	Fourth
Alyce Youngson	Grade 5	Framingham State Teachers College	B.S.E.	First
E. Jane Coleman	Grade 4	Mass. School of Art	B.S.E.	Sixth
Margaret C. Duren	Grade 3	Syracuse University	A.B.	Fourth
Grace Hutchinson	Grade 2	Framingham State Teachers College	Two	Nineteenth
Lucille A. Ravidoux	Grade 1	Perry Kindergarten Normal R. I. College of Ed.	Two One	Second
Irene P. Smith (Resigned)	Commercial Ed.	Regis College	A.B.	Second
Margaret Hubert (Resigned)	Grade 5	Framingham State Teachers College	Two	Fifth

SUPERVISORS

Name	Subject	Preparation	Degree or Years	Years in Town
William L. Rinehart	Handwriting	University of Pittsburg	A M.	Tenth
Christine Wilson	Music	N. E. Conservatory of Music	Three	Tenth
Marjorie W. Sheehan (Resigned)	Art	Cleveland Institute of Art	Four	First

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD

JANUARY, 1958 to JUNE, 1959

HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN

January 2, 1958
 March 3, 1958
 April 28, 1958

CLOSE

February 21, 1958
 April 18, 1958
 June 20, 1958

SUMMER VACATION

September 3, 1958
 January 5, 1959
 March 2, 1959
 April 27, 1959

December 23, 1958
 February 20, 1959
 April 17, 1959
 June 19, 1959

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Same as High School except:

Close June 13, 1958
 Close June 12, 1959

SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION

Good Friday Observance, April 4, 1958
 Memorial Day Observance, May 30, 1958
 Columbus Day Observance, October 13, 1958
 Teachers' Convention Day, November 7, 1958
 Veterans' Day Observance, November 11, 1958
 Thanksgiving Recess, November 27-28, 1958

AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January first of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September of any school year.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Any complaint or representation which any person desires to make shall be presented or referred in writing to the superintendent of schools, who, in his discretion may bring it before the school committee. In cases of discipline or other school matters relating to their children, parents shall first discuss the matter with the teacher concerned. If for some reason they are not satisfied they will further discuss the matter with the following persons, if necessary, and in the following order: first, the principal of the building and then the superintendent of schools. If, finally, the superintendent has been unable to satisfy the parents, he shall report the case to the school committee for consideration and action.

THE NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

It is the policy of the school officials to practically abandon the use of the "no school" signal on account of weather conditions. This is in line with what many other cities and towns are doing. The reason for so doing is that much confusion has resulted from the use of the "no school" signal, and the realization that the loss of even one school day is a very serious one.

However, there may be days when it is advisable to close schools on account of severe weather conditions or any other emergency.

Arrangements have been made with Radio Stations WBZ, WWON, WNRI, and WMOO to broadcast the fact whenever it is necessary to close the schools. The "no school" signals are usually given before, during, or immediately after the news program. The siren will also blow three blasts twice at 7:30 A. M.

If schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, or cold) parents are requested, and urged, to use their own judgment in sending their children to school.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

General Appropriation	\$77,837.03	
Dog Tax, 1957	573.97	
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Total Receipts		\$78,411.00
Total Expenditures	\$77,966.66	
Unexpended Balance		444.34

REIMBURSEMENTS

State Aid	\$15,708.46	
All School Transportation	11,279.98	
Superintendent: Salary-Transp.	1,493.33	
State Wards:		
Tuition, Transportation	1,090.46	
Vocational Education	830.82	
Tuition	554.58	
Military Service Refund	57.07	
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Total Reimbursements		\$31,014.70

TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS

Total Expenditures	\$77,966.66	
Reimbursements	31,014.70	
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Net Cost by Taxation		\$46,951.96

EXPENDITURES

School Committee Expense	\$ 127.00	
Superintendent's Salary	3,114 52	
Superintendent's Secretary's Salary	1,032 00	
Superintendent's Expense	265.41	
Supervisors' Salaries	1,740.02	
Teachers' Salaries	41,044.18	
Textbooks	1,957.25	
School Supplies	1,563.46	
Wages of Janitor	3,600 00	
Fuel	1,909.18	
Janitor Supplies	981.94	
Telephone	155.90	
Electricity	603.26	
Advertising	15.75	
Replacements	623.65	
Trash Removal	19.50	
Repairs	3,338 92	
Commissioner of Public Safety	10.00	
Library	104 11	
Health	905.47	
Transportation	13,379.70	
New Equipment	1,287.05	
School Lunch Program	188.39	
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Total Expenditures		\$77,966.66

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the citizens of Mendon the School Committee makes this report:

Resignations from Miss Irene Smith, Commercial teacher, Mrs. Margaret Hubert, 5th grade teacher, and Mrs. Marjorie Sheehan, Art Supervisor were accepted. Mrs. Gladys Morrison was engaged as Commercial teacher. Miss Alyce Youngson was engaged as 5th grade teacher. Mrs. Esther Yost was engaged to assist the first grade teacher. Grade 1 this year has a membership of 45. Mrs. Helen Thomas was engaged as art supervisor.

Mr. Minichiello was appointed acting superintendent and Mr. Clough assistant acting superintendent during the illness of Mr. Rowe, superintendent. Mr. Rowe returned to his duties at the beginning of the school year in September.

The resignation of Mr. Chester FitzGerald was accepted as his business required him to move out of town and Mr. Philip Harding was appointed to serve the balance of his term which expires next March.

Adjustments were made in the teachers' salaries to conform to the new state law on minimum salaries.

The boiler had to have a new section installed as one section had cracked open. This boiler is comparatively new and seems to have had a defective section which just recently failed.

The second floor corridor has been newly tiled and has given a more cheerful atmosphere to that part of the building.

Plans are now nearly complete to start double sessions next September in the elementary grades to relieve the over-crowded condition in the school system.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Rowe, Mr. Clough, Mr. Minichiello, the teachers, custodian, cafeteria workers, transportation people, Parent-Teacher Association, and citizens of Mendon for their fine cooperation in maintaining as fine a school system as we can under the trying circumstances that exist.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY C. YORK, Chairman
PHILIP W. HARDING,
GORDON R. GOOD, Secretary
Mendon School Committee

IX	B	4	10	1	1	16	20	36
	G	6	13	1				
X	B		2	13	2	17	17	34
	G		4	11	2			
XI	B			1	5	3	1	10
	G			5	10			
XII	B							15
	G							
	B			2	2	2	7	5
	G			1	1	4		

Boys	6	17	23	21	20	19	10	16	20	14	16	10	6	1	2	185
Girls	6	15	21	10	20	14	16	13	18	18	17	13	4			201
Totals	12	32	44	31	40	33	26	29	38	32	33	23	10	1	2	386

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Mendon:

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

Only three changes have occurred in the teaching staff during the year just past. Miss Irene Smith resigned in order to accept a position in Rhode Island and Mrs. Margaret Hubert in order to accept a position in Medway. Mrs. Marjorie Sheehan, our art supervisor, also resigned as her family moved to Connecticut. Mrs. Gladys Morrison was engaged to replace Miss Smith in our Commercial Department and Miss Alyce Youngson took over Mrs. Hubert's fifth grade. During the Fall months it was impossible to locate an Art Supervisor but recently Mrs. Helen Thomas of Franklin, was appointed to fill this very important position and began her duties on January 3, 1958.

The serious problem of overcrowded classrooms is still unsolved. At present this is the stumbling block hindering our educational development and progress. Since 1948 there has been a steady increase in school enrollment. On October 1, 1948 there were 249 pupils in total attendance. Nine years later, October 1, 1957, the school is housing 386 pupils in grades 1-12. This is 20 more than there were one year ago and the largest number ever to

attend school in Mendon. In this nine year period the percentage of increase is 55. In other words there are 155 percent more pupils now than there were nine years ago.

The following table shows the actual and predicted enrollment over a twenty-year period, 1948-1967. Figures through 1957 are actual known figures — those from 1958 through 1967 are estimated.

MENDON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Actual and Predicted Enrollment 1948-1967

Grades

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	Grand Total
1948	32	21	18	22	22	20	(135)	27	27	23	12	13	12	(114)	249
1949	32	36	24	21	27	27	(167)	23	23	24	18	12	12	(112)	279 +30 ⁹⁴
1950	28	38	36	27	24	24	(177)	33	19	19	22	16	11	(120)	297 +18
1951	27	31	43	45	29	24	(199)	27	32	17	23	16	13	(128)	327 +30
1952	39	35	28	42	39	30	(213)	21	22	28	14	19	17	(121)	334 +7
1953	35	38	35	26	44	39	(217)	33	21	21	23	12	18	(128)	345 +11
1954	39	38	37	36	25	43	(218)	37	29	19	16	20	11	(132)	350 +5
1955	32	40	35	35	37	27	(206)	44	39	31	18	14	18	(164)	370 +20
1956	37	33	42	28	34	34	(208)	30	36	36	28	15	13	(158)	366 -4

1957	45	37	34	41	29	35	(221)	35	23	36	34	25	12	(165)	386	+20
1958	50	48	38	34	41	29	(240)	37	31	21	32	29	23	(173)	413	+27
1959	45	53	48	38	34	41	(259)	30	33	29	19	27	27	(165)	424	+11
1960	51	48	54	48	38	34	(273)	43	27	30	26	16	25	(167)	440	+16
1961	44	54	49	55	48	38	(288)	36	38	25	27	22	15	(163)	451	+11
1962	37	47	55	49	56	48	(292)	40	32	35	22	23	20	(172)	464	+13
1963	44	39	48	56	49	57	(293)	50	36	29	31	19	21	(186)	479	+15
1964	47	47	39	48	57	49	(287)	60	45	33	26	26	17	(207)	494	+15
1965	50	50	47	39	48	58	(292)	51	53	41	29	22	24	(220)	512	+18
1966	52	53	51	47	39	48	(290)	61	45	49	36	25	20	(236)	526	+14
1967	56	55	54	52	47	39	(303)	50	54	41	44	31	23	(243)	546	+20

All figures as of October 1st

There are only eleven available classrooms for these 386 children as follows:

Elementary — (221 pupils)	6 classrooms
Junior-Senior High (165 pupils)	2 classrooms
Junior-Senior High	1 Home Economics Room
Junior-Senior High	1 Science Laboratory
Junior-Senior High	1 Commercial Room

Elementary classes, grades 1-6, should not exceed 25 to 30 pupils for the greatest efficiency in instruction. Thirty should be considered the maximum. All of our elementary grades are well over this number.

Classes at the high school level should not exceed 20-25. Many of our classes far exceed this. Some classes are in the thirties, and one is over 50. In addition a great many classes have study room pupils in them as well as a regular class. For example, we have a seventh grade arithmetic class of 35 pupils, and in the same room there are 19 study pupils—a total of 54 pupils in a room which should not aggregate more than 25. In a Latin class of 17 pupils (one of our smallest) there are 20 study pupils, making a total of 37. Regardless of size of classes there is no place to put study pupils except in the same room with regular scheduled subjects. This is a most undesirable situation and one that should not be tolerated any longer than absolutely necessary. There is just no place to put these study students now. Even the cafeteria has to be used at times for regular classes. There should be at least 8 classrooms available for these 165 junior-senior pupils instead of only the 5 we now have. Our entire secondary education program is obliged to use 2 regular classrooms and 3 specialized classrooms, namely, science laboratory,

commercial room, and home economics room. Nowhere in our seven period daily schedule of classes is there a free period for any teacher, not even for the principal. No provisions are made, or can be made, for such subjects as shop work, vocational education, physical education, library, band, orchestra, guidance, and other subjects usually given in an adequate secondary education program. There is no gymnasium and no auditorium except use of a basement room used mainly for cafeteria purposes. There is not even time enough (nor classroom space enough) for a class in driver-education instruction in the existing schedule of studies. The town population and the school population is increasing annually, and has been for several years. The school plant is simply not large enough to take care of the Town's children. The capacity of the building is completely inadequate. Only an excellent school faculty can carry on under the present overcrowded and cramped conditions. All of this presents a very unsatisfactory situation which should be resolved in the immediate future.

The solution of the enrollment problem is simple. There is only one way to accomplish it and that is by expansion of school facilities and space. The carrying out of the solution will be costly. There are five ways of creating more space, as follows:

1. Add to existing building.
2. Build a new high school.
3. Double sessions.
4. Build a new elementary school.
5. Form a region with another nearby town, or towns, and build a junior-senior high school.

Mendon is one of the more fortunate towns in the Commonwealth. The State School Building Assistance Commission will reimburse the town 50 percent of the cost (not interest) of building its own school and 65 percent of the cost (not interest) of participating in the construction of a regional school with another town or towns.

The State will not contribute anything towards the cost of an addition to the present school plant. So number one can be eliminated. Neither will the State consider sharing any part of the cost of the town's building its own high school. The reason being that such a school would be too small for an adequate secondary education program, except at a prohibitory cost. This eliminates number two. The third solution, dual sessions, or the two-platoon system, as it is sometimes called, should not even be considered. Our children merit a full time education with every advantage and opportunity—not a part time education. However, with the overcrowded conditions now existing, double sessions will undoubtedly be resorted to next September in grades one through six. There will probably be two first grades, two second grades, one third, one fourth, one fifth and one sixth. The 4 rooms on the first floor would be used for these dual session classes. One classroom on the second floor and one basement classroom would be used by grades 7-12. This second floor classroom had to be taken away from the upper grades several years ago. This solution must be considered only as a temporary one—an interim arrangement until proper facilities can be obtained.

If Mendon should decide to construct an elementary school it would leave the present building for secondary school purposes. This would leave the enrollment of the present high school far too small for an effective program, except at a very high cost. The amount of land available

for an elementary school is also questionable. Nationally accepted minimum standards for an elementary school are 5 acres, plus 1 acre for every 100 children. This means that a building planned to house 300 children must have a site of at least 8 acres, and this figure is a minimum. It would seem to me that the construction of an elementary school would be retrogressive action—not a step forward toward modern progressive education.

This leaves, in my opinion, the forming of a region with some nearby town, or towns, as the best and most practical solution of the overcrowded problem now confronting us. This would leave the present school plant for use as an elementary building. With very little alteration this building should serve very well for quite a number of years. Oddly enough Mendon has voted once (decisively) for a regional school and once (less decisively) against. The citizens of the town should be given another opportunity to vote on this important and vital issue. The advantages of a large high school are obvious. There are some 225 high schools and 13 regional high schools in operation in the State. These 13 regional high schools consist of at least two towns each and several 3, 4, and even 5 towns. So there must be from 30 at least, up to 40 or 45 towns now sending their secondary pupils to a regional high school. Nearly all are small towns such as ours.

Our high school has an enrollment of only 107 pupils at present. Including grades 7 and 8 it only adds up to 165. Out of about 238 high schools in Massachusetts there are only about 6 with a smaller number of students. Our high school is so small in size that junior and senior English must be combined. This should not be so. Instead, a high school should be large enough to have 3 or 4 classes in junior English and the same in senior English. If this were so our college preparatory students could be in one

group and receive a more intensive course which they should have, and which it is impossible to offer now. The same is true in mathematics, science, languages and other subjects. Much is being made today of science and this may be quite all right for the very existence of our country depends upon it—but other subjects are important also. For example, what good is science and mathematics and research if it can't be expressed in clear, concise, simple and understandable English? Our slower students also need subjects that will benefit them, especially in the vocational field. All of these advantages simply cannot be offered in a high school enrolling 100 to 200 pupils except at an exorbitant cost. A million dollar high school could be erected for 50 pupils or 25, or even one, but cost alone is only one factor. There must be pupils enough to make the plan feasible. Regardless of cost, it would be impossible to have a glee club with only one pupil. No homogeneous grouping can be done in a school of such small size. This small secondary school should not be perpetuated. Our high school students should have just as good an opportunity as the high school pupils of Plainville (or any other small town) who now attend a beautiful new regional high school in Wrentham, consisting of the towns of Norfolk, Wrentham and Plainville. Our pupils should be able to compete in college, work, or life with those of every city and town in the State.

All this comment is not to be considered as a reflection on our faculty in any way. As a matter of fact, quite the opposite is true. Our principal, teachers, and school personnel deserve to be complimented for the fine work being done under such adverse conditions. The voters of the town should have one more opportunity to decide what is right, fitting and proper for their secondary education program of the future.

Each year the latter half of May, a registration and visiting day is held for all children who plan to enter grade one the following September. Last year only 37 children were registered, yet 45 entered grade one on the Wednesday after Labor Day. This is only about an 80 per cent registration and is not very satisfactory. Books, supplies, and materials of various kinds must be ordered in the summer for these children. It is also necessary to know how many children to expect in order to properly prepare for them. All parents having children who will enter school next September are urged to register them during the registration days in May. Children must become 6 years of age on or before January 1, 1959 in order to enter grade one in September, 1958.

The annual census and distribution of all minors between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken in October, 1957. All figures are as of October 1, 1957. The figures shown in this table will not necessarily agree with the figures in the Age-Grade Enrollment Chart. The results of the October 1, 1957 census is as follows:

	5 years or over and under 7	7 years or over and under 16
Boys	39	176
Girls	34	158
	—	—
	73	334

Distribution of minors:

In public school membership	45	304
In private school membership		28
Not enrolled in any school	28	2
	—	—
	73	334

A one day conference, or workshop, was held in Whitinsville High School in October for all principals and teachers in the elementary schools in this vicinity. All elementary personnel in the towns of Hopedale, Bellingham, Upton, Uxbridge and Northbridge took part. The theme this year was of special significance because it was in the field of science and the improvement of science education at the elementary school level. Both general and small group meetings were held. Several of our teachers and Mr. Clough took an active part in planning and carrying out the program. This is the third or fourth year in which such conferences have been held and they are very beneficial to all of our teachers. These programs are planned well in advance each year through the cooperation of the Worcester State Teachers College and the Superintendents of Schools in the participating towns.

Through the interests of many people, televised education is now in the formulative stage in Massachusetts. Many meetings have been held to discuss the possibilities of in-school television. As a result tentative organizational plans and program development have begun. Any school within the coverage area of WGBH-TV and of any other television stations broadcasting such programs can receive the programs by merely tuning to the correct channel. At present, the greatest potential of in-school television in Eastern Massachusetts is on the elementary level. It is anticipated that these daily one-half hour programs will be inaugurated in the spring of 1958. Undoubtedly considerable instruction will be in the field of science.

In conclusion I wish to express to you my sincere thanks for your assistance in making the school year a most successful one. I must also express my appreciation

to Mr. Anthony C. Minichiello, who was Acting Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Henry P. Clough, who was Assistant Acting Superintendent of Schools, during my illness the first part of the year. The efforts of Mr. Minichiello, Mr. Clough, the teachers, school physician, school nurse, townspeople, parents and pupils is very deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
PERCY L. ROWE,
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe

Superintendent of Schools

I herewith submit the annual report of Mendon High and Center School for the year ending December 31, 1957.

The enrollment of the school has increased twenty pupils on the basis of data recorded on October first. The enrollment figures of December 20, 1957 are as follows: Grade One—46; Grade Two—37; Grade Three—34; Grade Four—43; Grade Five—29; Grade Six—35; Grade Seven—35; Grade Eight—23; Grade Nine—36; Grade Ten—33; Grade Eleven—24; Grade Twelve—11. Total enrollment of Grades One to Six inclusive is 224, and of Grades Seven to Twelve, 162.

Graduation exercises of the Class of 1957 took place June 19, 1957. The members of the graduating class were: Irving C. Dudley, Ruth P. Hoisington, Mary F. Lamothe, Jean M. Mespelli, Joy L. Murch, Norma A. Phipps, Donald A. Rocks, Barbara E. Rogers, Paul A. Roy, Daniel T. Southwick, Theresa M. Wiersma, William H. Yanski, Barbara L. York.

Joy L. Murch and Jean M. Mespelli attained highest and second highest scholastic honors respectively. The Mendon High School Alumni Medal presented by the

Mendon High School Alumni Association was awarded to Mary F. Lamothe. The Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate presented by the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution were awarded to Jean M. Mespelli. The American Legion Medal presented by the Roger L. Wood Post of the American Legion was awarded to Barbara E. Rogers. Irving C. Dudley, elected by the high school student body, represented Mendon High School on Student Government Day at the State House.

Edward B. Swanson and Audrey E. Smith, members of the Class of 1958, were selected as delegates to the annual convocations of Boys' and Girls' State sponsored by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary.

The Class of 1958 presented the annual senior class play on the evenings of December 13 and 14, 1957 at the Mendon Town Hall. A comedy, "Out on a Limb," was given by a cast of eleven members.

The thirtieth annual prize speaking contest occurred on March 22, 1957. The following students participated: Constance H. Hamilton, Leo J. Lamothe, Elizabeth J. Perkins, Beverly J. Rhodes, Linda L. Sabatinelli, Barbara M. Sampson, Audrey E. Smith, Edward B. Swanson. Elizabeth J. Perkins, Audrey E. Smith and Leo J. Lamothe were the winners of first, second, and third prizes.

The annual open house evening held in observance of American Education Week occurred on November 12, 1957. Attendance reached a record number on this occasion and demonstrated the popularity and importance of the conference contacts between parents and teachers.

The school and the teaching staff have continued to maintain a close partnership with the Mendon Parent Teacher Association throughout the year. The elementary grades and senior class each provided the program for meetings of the association. The elementary grades again presented a spring musicale for the benefit of the Parent-Teacher sponsored summer play school under the direction of Mrs. Grace Hutchinson.

The school savings programs are being continued on the same basis as last year. Savings stamps may be purchased in Grades One to Four. Grades Five through Twelve have the opportunity to make weekly bank deposits under the plan operated through the Milford Federal Savings Bank.

The school lunch program continues to operate efficiently and successfully. Mrs. Louise Dautrich and Mrs. Thressa Wright have maintained high standards of meal service. The school and the community are greatly indebted to the relatively small number of helpers who continue to assist the lunch program by most generously donating many hours and days of work in the school kitchen. There is always a place for other workers who may be willing to help out either regularly or on an occasional basis.

A new report card for the elementary grades has been prepared by the elementary teachers. It is to be used in the first six grades and is designed to give a more detailed and complete statement of pupil accomplishment. It is hoped that parents will find it more helpful and more enlightening than the older form.

The school principal will recommend to the school committee that the high school day be lengthened fifteen minutes effective in September, 1958. The extra fifteen minutes will make possible seven class periods each of which will be forty-five minutes in length inclusive of passing time between classes. Heretofore, there has been a time variation of several minutes between class periods before lunch and those after the lunch period. School dismissal at one forty-five P. M. is still quite early in the afternoon and should not cause any significant inconvenience.

Parents are cordially invited to visit school and to confer with teachers and principal at any time.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Mr. Percy L. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, the Mendon Parent-Teacher Association, and the townspeople for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY P. CLOUGH,
Principal.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

December 31, 1957

School Committee

Mendon School Department

Mendon, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The following is my report of Mendon School work for the year 1957.

The following clinics were held:

Toxoid Clinics on March 20th, April 12th, and May 10th.

12 Children received the protective doses.

55 Children received the booster doses.

Polio Clinics on January 15th, January 16th, and May 17th.

Vaccination Clinic on May 22nd.

The annual Physical Examination of school children in Grades 1, 4, 7, and 10 showed the following defects:

Referred for dental evaluation	42
Enlarged tonsils	2
Wax in ears	3
Enlarged thyroid gland	2
Heart murmur	3

Respectfully submitted,
RONALD A. LUKERT, M.D.

MENDON SCHOOL NURSING REPORT

Mr. Percy L. Rowe

Superintendent of Schools

Mendon, Mass.

May we submit to you the Annual School Nursing Report for the year ending December 31, 1957.

Mendon School was visited Tuesday of each week except when it was necessary to change the day to accommodate Dr. Lukert when he was doing the physical examinations or to attend clinics.

Physical examinations of pupils in Grades 1, 4, 7 and 10 were done by Dr. Lukert assisted by the school nurse. Notices regarding defects were sent home to parents and guardians.

Antigen clinics were held in Mendon Schools on March 20th, April 12th, and May 10th. These clinics are always conducted in the spring and any child three months of age or older is always welcome. These injections protect children from whooping cough, diphtheria, and lockjaw. All school children in Grades 1, 6, and 11 are advised to have a booster at one of these spring clinics but must have parental consent.

Three Polio clinics were conducted at the school on January 15th, January 16th and May 17th. Dr. Ronald Lukert was in charge, assisted by the District Nurses, Board Members of the Association, and volunteer workers.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all who helped make these clinics successful. My thanks also extends to Mr. Hazard, the Cafeteria workers, and school personnel in the Mendon School, who are always most considerate and obliging at all times even when their busy hours are interrupted.

A Vaccination Clinic was conducted on May 22nd with Dr. R. Lukert in charge, assisted by the nurse. Thirty-eight children were vaccinated, the largest number ever done at one of our clinics. This also is a yearly clinic and any child living in Mendon is welcome to attend.

Registration was held at the school on May 19th.

All children were weighed, measured and inspected during the year. Many minor injuries were taken care of. We had a number of pupils absent at intervals due to colds and sore throats which are usually prevalent during cold weather, and one reported case of scarlet fever. However, toward the latter part of September, a chicken pox epidemic started and lasted several weeks. This was at the time of the flu epidemic, but apparently more of our absenteeism was due to chicken pox than to Asian flu.

The following defects were found among the children examined by Dr. Lukert:

Referred for dental evaluation	42
Enlarged tonsils	2
Wax in ears	11

Heart murmurs	3
Enlarged thyroid gland	2

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurse in her visits to school:

Inspection of pupils	526
Pupils inspected for disease	193
Pupils recommended for exclusion	18
Pupils and nurse conferences	78
Pupils treated for minor injuries	86
Nurse and teacher conferences	296
Home Visits	28

In closing, may we express our thanks to Dr. Lukert, school physician; Mr. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Clough, Principal; and the teachers for their courtesy and co-operation; to the School Committee and Town Officials for their support; and to the parents for their co-operation and confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE MORAN, R.N.

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools

My dear Mr. Rowe:

Another year ending means another report of school music activity due. We have had the usual calendar of musical events throughout the Mendon School System. Besides the regular classroom work in music, we have prepared programs for the May Festival, Memorial Day, Prize Speaking Night and Christmas. The High School Chorus sang at Graduation. We eliminated the High School Musical last year but one already is in rehearsal for this year. We're enjoying the new books in the second and third grades. The two new (to us) pianos are helpful, also.

Unfortunately, piano playing and singing around the piano at home is almost a lost art. I hope that this happy custom again will become part of our American scene. The musical experiences which came from this activity contributed greatly to the musical growth of the whole family. A child will have the best chance of growing in musical understanding and enjoyment if an interest in music is encouraged in the home from the very earliest days of childhood. Listening to good music is an important factor in the musical growth of a child, but, more important still is active participation in good music. He should be encouraged to sing and sing and sing! No mat-

ter how untuneful a mother's voice be, to her child it's the most beautiful voice in the world, and if she sings, he'll sing. As he grows older, he should be encouraged to study a musical instrument and then shown a great deal of sympathy during the first months or **years** of practice. If he is helped to foster a liking for practice he'll develop sufficient skill so that his playing is not a chore to him and a bore to the listener. When all is said and done, no other activity can equal the old-fashioned family music hour around the piano, for keeping the family at home and happy.

In closing, I wish to thank you and Mr. Clough for your wonderful spirit of cooperation and helpfulness and all the teachers who give so willingly to the teaching of music in the Mendon Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
CHRISTINE M. WILSON,
Supervisor of Music Education.

The Button	Newman
Betty J. Perkins	
At The Declam Contest	Black
Linda L. Sabatinelli	
Carrie Becomes An Amateur Actress	Marshall
Audrey E. Smith	
O! Say, Can You See	Marshall
Edward B. Swanson	

Grade Two Rhythm Band

Aunt Effie Goes Horseback Riding	McMahon
Beverly J. Rhodes	
Her First Appearance	Davis
Constance H. Hamilton	
Ronnie Drives The Car	Parcher
Leo J. Lamothe	
Baby in the Bathroom	Heath
Barbara M. Sampson	

Grade Six Chorus

Decision of Judges

MENDON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Wednesday June 19th, 1957

PROCESSIONAL—Pomp and Circumstance Elgar
Mrs. Raymond F. Biedrzycki

INVOCATION

Rev. Hvezdon Kafka

SALUTATORY and ESSAY—The Tides of Immigration
Jean M. Mespelli

ESSAY—The Government of Our Commonwealth
Mary F. Lamothe

ESSAY—Our Fellow American
Theresa M. Wiersma

SONG—Carousel Selections Rodgers
High School Chorus

ESSAY—The Development of Atomic Power
Irving C. Dudley

ESSAY—Training America's Brain Power
Barbara E. Rogers

ESSAY and VALEDICTORY—Shall I Attend College?
Joy L. Murch

SONG—Land of Our Hearts Chadwick
High School Chorus

PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN LEGION MEDAL—

Mr. James P. Flanagan

Commander Roger L. Wood Post, A. L.

PRESENTATION OF MENDON PARENT-TEACHER
ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. Robert D. Robinson

President, Mendon Parent-Teacher Association

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND DIPLOMAS

Mr. Harry C. York

Chairman, Mendon School Committee

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

BENEDICTION

Rev. Hvezdon Kafka

RECESSIONAL—March Romaine Gounod

Mrs. Raymond F. Biedrzycki

CLASS OF 1957

Irving Carroll Dudley

Barbara Elaine Rogers

Ruth Phyllis Hoisington

Paul Alfred Roy

Mary Frances Lamothe

Daniel Thayer Southwick

Jean Marie Mespelli

Theresa Mae Wiersma

Joy Linea Murch

William Henry Yanski

Norma Alice Phipps

Barbara Louisa York

Donald Arthur Rocks

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

TO THE CONSTABLE of the TOWN OF MENDON in the
COUNTY OF WORCESTER, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the TOWN HALL in said Mendon on MONDAY the Third day of MARCH A.D., 1958, punctually at 9:00 o'clock A.M., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1.

Article 2. and all following Articles on this Warrant will be acted upon Friday, the 7th day of March at 7:00 P.M.

Article 1. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

- One Moderator for one year;
- On Town Treasurer for three years;
- One Town Clerk for one year;
- One Tax Collector for three years;
- One Selectman for three years;
- One Assessor for three years;

One Constable for one year
 One Tree Warden for one year;
 One Trustee for Taft Public Library for two years;
 One Member of the School Committee for
 three years;
 One Park Commissioner for three years;
 One Highway Surveyor for one year;

all on one ballot, designating the office intended for each person.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning January 1, 1958.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1958 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highways Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the operation and repairs of Town machinery, a part or whole to be taken from the Road Machinery Fund, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 10. To see what action the Town will take regarding any legal proceedings that may be brought against or by the Town.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any or all real estate owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure of Tax Title thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefor, authority therefor to terminate March 2, 1959, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the dog license refund from Worcester County in 1958 to be used for general school expenses in 1958, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors with the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation to use such an amount of the

free cash in the treasury as in their judgment should be used to reduce the tax levy of 1958, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from unappropriated Available Funds in the treasury to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to discharge the Mendon School Planning Committee, said committee having been appointed under Article 22 of the Town of Mendon annual Town Warrant for the year 1956, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following unexpended balances to the Excess and Deficiency Accounts:

Park and Pleasant Street Repairs	\$18.34
Regional School District Planning Comm.	\$65 48
Mendon School Planning Committee	\$18.10

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance of \$129.53 in the account for the Highway Dump Truck of 1956 to the Road Machinery Fund, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand, two hundred dollars (\$2,200.00) for the purchase of approximately two and one-half acres of land owned by David H. Snay, Sr., and Mae Snay adjoining school property and property owned by Clayton E. Parkinson, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be spent under the jurisdiction of the members of the School Building Committee, appointed June 10, 1957, consisting of Frank R. Boyer, Harold Metcalf, John L. Lundvall, Arthur A. Wiersma and Stanly W. Tuttle, and in the event of a vacancy on the committee, the Moderator be authorized to fill said vacancy, which committee shall engage an architect to draw preliminary plans, working plans and specifications for the construction of a new elementary school building or a free standing addition to the present school building, this committee being hereby authorized to enter into all contracts and do all things necessary and proper in the selection of the architect and the drafting of the plans and specifications aforementioned for the construction of an elementary school building or a free standing addition, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a three member regional School District Planning Committee, including one member of the School Committee, to study the advisability of establishing a regional school district as set forth in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Sections 14 to 16I inclusive with any amendments thereto, or take any other action thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to permit Trailer Coach Parks to be established within the limits of the Town of Mendon, or take any action in relation thereto.

POLLS WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon and causing a copy to be published once in the Milford Daily News, a newspaper published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this 20th day of January A.D., 1958.

HAROLD METCALF
ROBERT P. CONGDON
ERNEST P. WOOD

Selectmen of Mendon

A true copy, attest:

WILLIAM D. RONDEAU
Constable of Mendon

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Article 4.

	1957	1957	1958
	Appropriation	Transfers	Expenditures
	\$	\$	\$
Moderator's Salary	25.00	25.00	25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	700.00	700.00	700.00
Selectmen's Expense	250.00	2.91	250.00
Treasurer's Salary	700.00		800.00
Treasurer's Expense	275.00	207.47	275.00
Tax Title Foreclosure	36.00		36.00
Town Accountant's Salary	500.00	500.00	500.00
Town Accountant's Expense	50.00	38.43	50.00
Town Clerk's Salary	250.00	250.00	300.00
Town Clerk's Expense	350.00	45.29	350.00
Tax Collector's Salary	925.00	925.00	1,000.00
Tax Collector's Expense	275.00	253.64	275.00
Assessors' Salaries	700.00	700.00	700.00
Assessors' Expense	300.00	164.98	300.00
Elections and Registrations	600.00	116.08	1,200.00
Town Counsel Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00

Town Counsel Expense	75.00	31.55	106.55	75.00
Clerical Hire—Town Officers	350.00		350.00	350.00
Town Hall Maintenance	900.00		715.72	900.00
Town Officers' Bonds	393.50		305.75	321.50
Record Room Maintenance	600.00		373.30	600.00
Heat and Lights—Town Bldgs.	2,500.00		1,996.76	2,500.00
Constable's Salary	25.00		25.00	25.00
Police Department	3,912.00		3,912.00	5,800.00
Fire Department	2,070.00	1,050.00	3,119.78	2,100.00
Forest Fires	500.00	300.00	799.39	750.00
Dog Officer	200.00		174.00	300.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	65.00		62.84	65.00
Wiring Inspector	80.00		80.00	80.00
Board of Health	2,250.00		1,660.40	2,250.00
Tree Warden	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,400.00
Insect Pest Control	700.00		700.00	500.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	600.00		600.00	600.00
Inspector of Animals	150.00		150.00	150.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00		25.00	25.00
General Repairs—Highways	2,500.00		2,488.75	2,500.00
Snow Removal	12,000.00		10,894.00	12,000.00
Street Lighting	947.34		944.50	1,083.96

Public Welfare Salaries	45.00	45.00	45.00
Public Welfare—Temporary Aid	7,000.00	5,589.96	7,000.00
Administration of Public Assistance	1,335.00	1,335.00	1,470.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,500.00		1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	3,500.00	1,581.22	3,350.00
Administ. Veterans' Benefits	200.00	200.00	350.00
School Department	77,837.03	573.97	97,987.64
Vocational Education	2,200.00	1,824.81	2,800.00
Taft Public Library	1,400.00	1,389.47	1,400.00
Park Department	450.00	257.50	450.00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	50.00	50.00	50.00
Water Department Maintenance	751.00	573.08	1,620.00
Memorial Day Observance	225.00	254.34	275.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	2,518.40	29.34	2,518.40
Town Reports	808.80	730.00	
Reserve Fund	2,000.00	1,652.03	2,000.00
Maturing Debt	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	303.75	303.75	258.75
Interest on Temporary Loans	350.00		350.00
Worcester County Retirement Fund	1,720.55	1,720.55	1,664.66

Article 6. Approved appropriation \$3,700; transfer \$10,175, Chapter 81.

Article 7. Approved appropriation \$1,500.00; transfer \$3,000, Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 8. Approved transfers of \$12,000, Chapter 90 Construction.

Article 9. Approved transfer of \$2,500, Road Machinery.

Article 12. Approved Dog Refund for School Expenses.

Article 14. Approved transfer \$5,000 for Stabilization Fund.

Article 16. Approved.

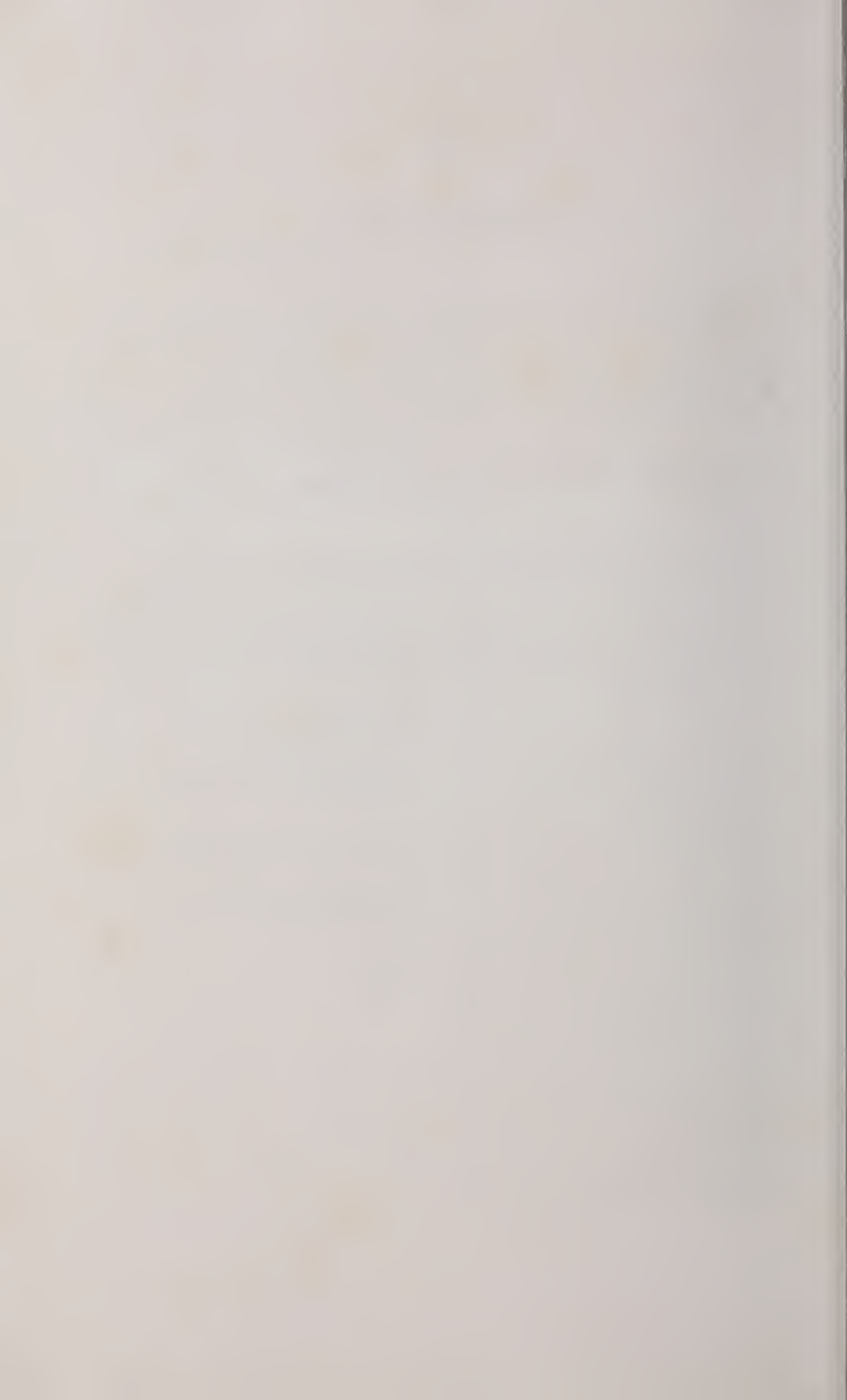
Article 17. Approved.

Article 18. Approved.

Article 19. Approved.

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF
THE BUILDING COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF MENDON, MASS.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 7, 1958

The Building Committee was established in accordance with the provisions of Article No. 4, voted at the Special Town Meeting of June 10, 1957.

FRANK R. BOYER
HAROLD METCALF
JOHN L. LUNDVALL
ARTHUR A. WIERSMA
STANLY W. TUTTLE

MR. GORDON GOOD
declined his appointment. His place
was later filled by John L. Lundvall.

Recommendation

The Building Committee recommends that the Town votes approval of Articles No. 18 and No. 19.

No. 18. The additional site will permit the development of the now dormant acreage south of the present school, and will also provide additional parking, playground and driveway area.

No. 19. To provide the means whereby the townspeople **will know how much** the general contract bid actually is, before voting at the Special Town Meeting **rather than relying on an estimate.**

The Fifty Percent School Construction Grant

The School Building Committee has been assured that any school building project voted by the Town of Mendon, complying both with the structural standards of the Department of Public Safety and the educational specifications of the School Building Assistance Commission must receive the mandatory 50% school construction grant.

Educational Specifications

We, the Building Committee, noting that the Town of Mendon had voted acceptance of the report of the School Planning Committee, incorporated this planning into the proposed building program. Serving on this Committee were Chester Fitzgerald, Harry York, Gordon Good, Donald Lowell, Carlton Goss and Mrs. Lois Taylor.

"Program of Studies" as set forth by the School Planning Committee has been incorporated into the proposed building program.

Specialty Rooms

Also incorporated in this building program are the several specialty rooms as listed by the School Planning Committee.

Principal's Office	Storage Room	Library
Teachers Room	Remedial Room	Multi-Purpose Room
Health Room	Custodian Room	Kitchen

Site

The purchase of the proposed additional land, also listed by the School Planning Committee, has received the approval of both the School Building Assistance Commission and this committee. Your Building Committee has consummated a conditional purchase and sales agreement in behalf of the Town of Mendon. The condition being, of course, that the voters of Mendon vote the required approval.

Acquisition of this property will, first, allow the development of a new and direct approach to the school from Route 16 to relieve the traffic delay from the North Avenue road. Secondly, it will provide an additional recreational area. Thirdly, it will provide off-street parking for both the school and the proposed multi-purpose room which in turn could be used for the many civic and community functions.

School Membership Projections

The question of classroom space proved to be a most formidable problem. Examination of the projection figures as prepared by the School Building Assistance Commission indicate an increase of 51 pupils in the next five years. The Mendon School Department projections visualize an increase of from 93 to 129 pupils for this period. It is noted that former projections by our local school committee have been consistently higher than actual school enrollments. The Building Committee had no choice but to accept the School Building Assistance Commission figures.

Present School Facilities

The representatives of the School Building Assistance Commission verbally advised your Building Committee, that in their opinion, the present school facilities available, (both classroom wise and educationally), were neither adaptable for a secondary nor for an elementary level education in the modern school planning conception. However, they did express the opinion that the Town of Mendon would probably not vote to abandon the present school, but would continue to use it.

PROPOSAL

Your Building Committee has been reassured (by a most competent contractor and building appraiser of many years' experience) that "the front addition of the present school building is of good repair and is structurally sound."

It is proposed that the Town of Mendon shall

1. Erect a free standing addition to the present school
2. Erect six additional classrooms
3. Erect a multi-purpose room
4. Erect such collateral rooms as specified in the "Educational Specifications."

ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDING

General Contract	\$225,000.00
Site Developement	3,000.00
Architect's Fee	15,960.00
Equipment	25,040.00
Contingency Fund (includes Clerk of Works Salary)	21,000.00
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Total Cost	\$290,000.00
State Share at 50%	\$145,000.00
Town of Mendon Share	\$145,000.00

WENDELL T. PHILLIPS ASSOCIATES

DONALD F. PHILLIPS

GEORGE M. LIVINGSTONE, JR.

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Architects

MILFORD, MASS.

WENDELL T. PHILLIPS 1912-1955

TELEPHONE 2984

February 25, 1958

School Building Committee
Mendon, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

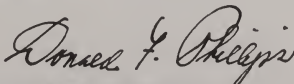
The following preliminary information is submitted as an aid to your committee in arriving at a solution to your elementary school problem:

The floor area required to provide space facilities for six (6) classrooms, Principal's Office, Teachers' Room, Health Room, Storage Room, Remedial Room, Custodian Room, Library, Multipurpose Room, and Kitchen would be approximately 14,125 square feet. Additional outside covered space at a bus loading area would be approximately 1840 square feet. These areas would be subject to some variation as the plan is developed. Based on the above areas and a square foot cost of \$15.00 for the inside area and a square foot cost of \$7.50 for the exterior covered areas, a reasonable estimated cost of the building would be \$225,000.00 (exclusive of equipment). The site work (paving and grass areas) would be approximately \$3,000.00 additional.

The \$15.00 a square foot cost figure would be representative of a one story building, no basement, structural steel frame, lightweight roof planking, 20 year bonded tar and gravel roof, exterior walls of face brick backed up with lightweight aggregate blocks, asphalt tile floors on concrete, ceramic tile floor in toilets, interior walls of painted masonry, polished concrete blocks in corridors and multipurpose room, glazed tile walls in toilets, panelled plywood in lobby, and hung acoustical ceilings. Complete heating and ventilating, plumbing and electrical systems would also be included in this cost estimate.

Very truly yours,

WENDELL T. PHILLIPS ASSOCIATES



Donald F. Phillips

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\$290,000 BOND ISSUE

20 years at 3.25% Interest Rate

<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>Prin. Debt</u>	<u>Int. Due</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>50%State Reimburse.</u>	<u>Yrly. Town Pay.</u>	<u>Debt Balance</u>	<u>Tax Rate per yr.</u>
1	\$14,500	\$9,425.00	\$23,925.00	\$7,250	\$16,675.00	\$275,500	\$7.76
2	14,500	8,953.75	23,453.75	7,250	16,203.75	261,000	7.55
3	14,500	8,482.50	22,982.50	7,250	15,732.50	246,500	7.33
4	14,500	8,011.25	22,511.25	7,250	15,261.25	232,000	7.10
5	14,500	7,540.00	22,040.00	7,250	14,190.00	217,500	6.89
6	14,500	7,068.75	21,568.75	7,250	14,318.75	203,000	6.67
7	14,500	6,597.50	21,097.50	7,250	13,847.50	188,500	6.44
8	14,500	6,126.25	20,626.25	7,250	13,376.25	174,000	6.22
9	14,500	5,671.25	20,171.25	7,250	12,921.25	159,500	6.01
10	14,500	5,183.75	19,683.75	7,250	12,433.75	145,000	5.78
11	14,500	4,712.50	19,212.50	7,250	11,962.50	130,500	5.56
12	14,500	4,241.25	18,741.25	7,250	11,491.25	116,000	5.34
13	14,500	3,770.00	18,270.00	7,250	11,020.00	101,500	5.13
14	14,500	3,298.75	17,798.75	7,250	10,548.75	87,000	4.91
15	14,500	2,827.50	17,327.50	7,250	10,077.50	72,500	4.68
16	14,500	2,356.25	16,856.25	7,250	9,606.25	58,000	4.42
17	14,500	1,885.00	16,385.00	7,250	9,135.00	43,500	4.24
18	14,500	1,313.75	15,813.75	7,250	8,563.75	29,000	3.98
19	14,500	942.50	15,442.50	7,250	8,192.50	14,500	3.81
20	14,500	471.25	14,971.25	7,250	7,721.25	0	3.59

Why Not A Larger Addition

The Building Committee has curtailed its original larger building program, to build enough to suffice all projected enrollment for a longer period of time, for these three logical reasons:

- a. Our present school plant lacks the necessary specialty rooms including the multi-purpose room vital to supply additional area for all the many school classes and functions hitherto ignored.
- b. Our Mendon School offers only the required minimum standard elementary curriculum, it has had only limited facilities.
- c. Your Building Committee does not advocate spending any more monies than is prudent. Let first things be accomplished first.

Your Building Committee believes it is far wiser to adopt this modest building program and to demand that the educational standards be improved by the School Committee, rather than to concentrate solely on a larger building program.

In the upgrading of our elementary system, we automatically upgrade our secondary system. All additional facilities provided for our elementary system are also provided for the secondary system.

We know our proposed addition is comparatively low priced. We know that the operation and maintenance of this new addition is designed to be economical.

We, the Building Committee of Mendon, are proud to present this plan to the voters of Mendon. We are ready, willing and able to improve our educational system if you so manifest it by your vote at the Town Meeting.

"Under Chapter No. 645 of the General Laws, there has been established in the Department of Education, but not subject to its control, a temporary commission, to be known as the School Building Assistance Commission, to encourage the establishment of regional and consolidated public schools and to provide financial assistance to cities and towns in the construction of school buildings."

After the administrator of the School Building Assistance Commission was informed of the June 10, 1957 Town of Mendon vote, not favoring the establishment of the regional school district, and realizing that we, members of the School Building Committee, were not going to act or do anything thereto on the secondary phase of the Mendon school system at this time, did then refrain from further regional school dissertation.

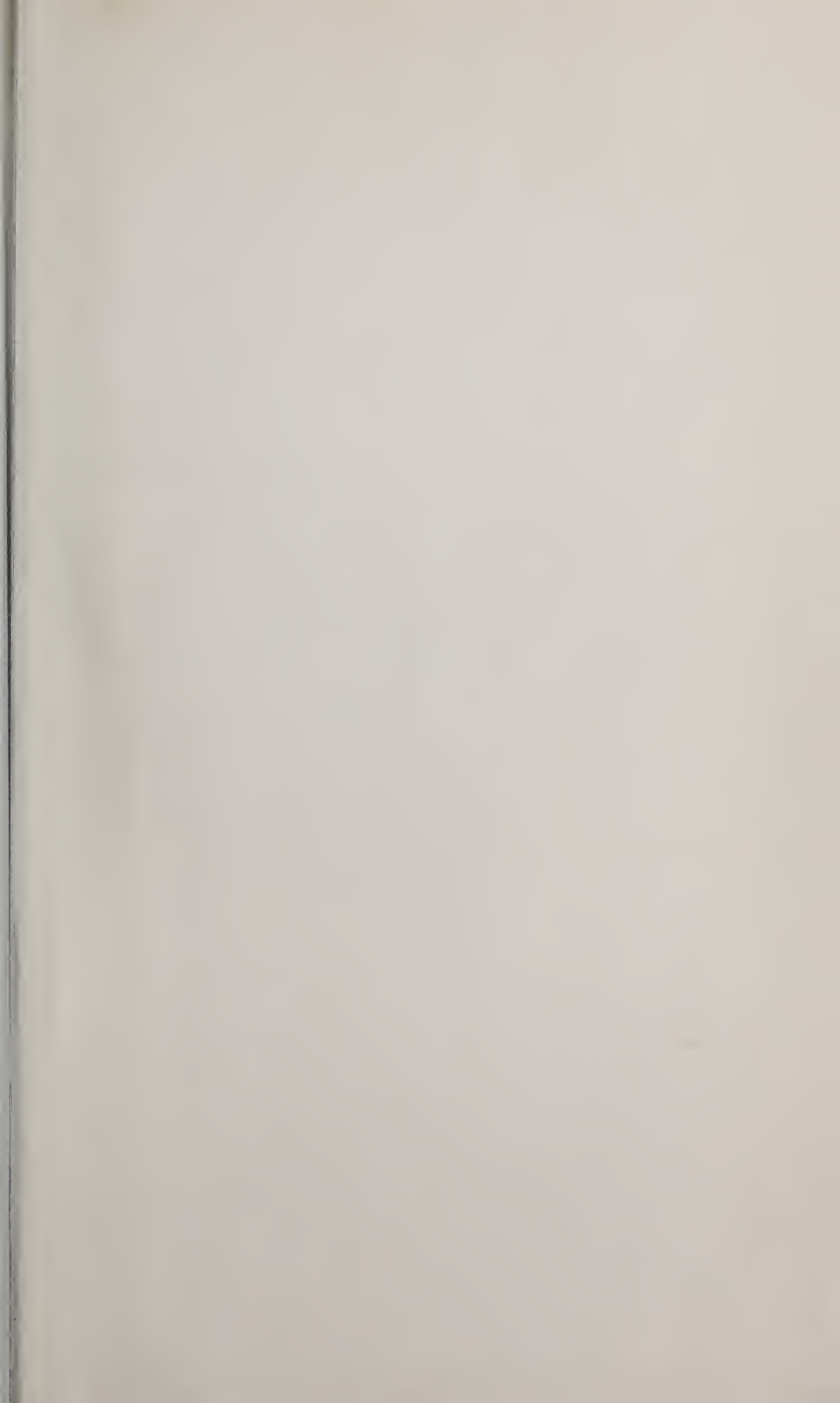
However, our local educational leaders, in contrast, have evidenced a wanton and calloused disregard of our local school vote. They have assumed leadership within a group to discredit the efforts and plans of your duly established building committee. They have aligned themselves in persistent regional school planning activities. Their obvious intent is to thwart the will of the people who placed them in office.

The aftermath of such a conflict of wills (the Town of Mendon vs. the educational leaders) can prove both costly and tragic if building delay ensues.

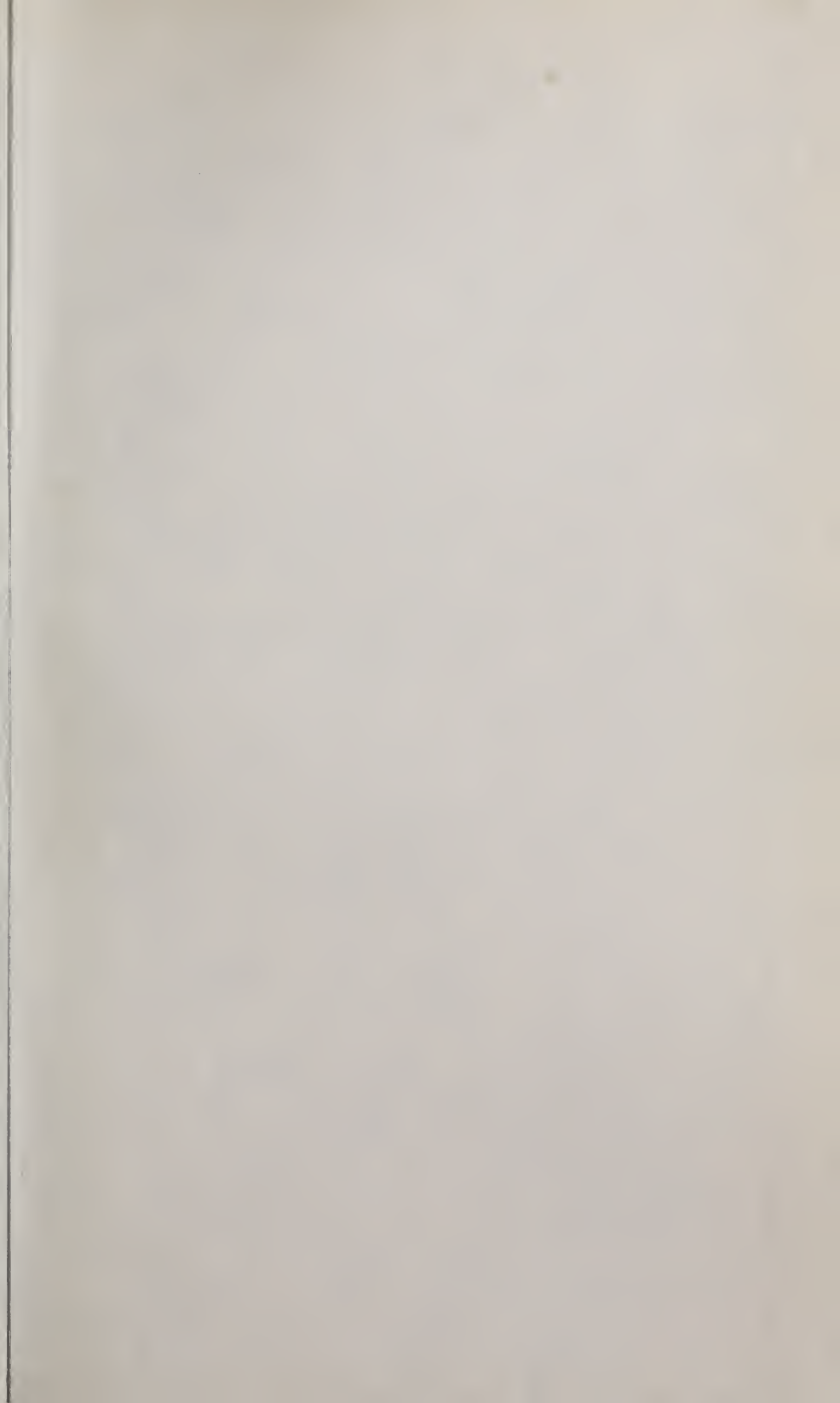
The school situation is very serious due to the lack of space, building conditions and the resultant curriculum curtailment.

Despite the evidence shown in our neighboring town that the end result of double sessions has disclosed the cheating of the pupils (less educational time being offered) and the cheating of the taxpayers' dollars (more cost for less education), our educational leaders do advocate and plan these self-same degrading double sessions. In other words, they would block any form of space addition, seeking to alleviate our distressful conditions, despite the vote of the town, which does not conform to their personal wishes and desire.

It is the opinion of your Building Committee that the Town of Mendon has no alternative but to demand that the conflict of divided leadership pitting the educational leaders against the taxpayers be not tolerated and cease immediately.







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